

The Role of the Chair of Governors

Governing Boards are required to elect a Chair Person, this election is held at the first meeting of the governing board each academic year.

The Governing Board can elect a Chair Person for more than a single academic year, however it is advisable that the board considers a succession plan in that the 'Chairman' should be in post for no longer than 6 consecutive years.

The role of the Chair is to provide leadership to the governing board and ensure that governors/trustees fulfil their functions ensuring sound governance of the school(s). In line with the Competency framework for Chairs, a description of the role of chair is available; this details the tasks that they will be expected to complete, the required skillset and guidelines for the hours that chairs should be committing to the role.

Community Group for Chairs of Governors in Waltham Forest

If you are a Chair of Governors in Waltham Forest, it may interest you to know that there is a [Community Group on The Hub for Chairs](#). It is a place where you can have discussions with other Chairs in the Borough, share documents and resources and receive updates from the Council's Governor Services team. Just click on 'Join Group' and, once accepted into the Group, you can start interacting with other Chairs.

Chairs' E-Bulletin

The Governor Services team publishes a regular newsletter, through which it aims to keep Chairs of Waltham Forest schools informed of key updates, strategies and events around governance.

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