

RECRUITING NEW GOVERNORS

Most governing bodies will at some time experience difficulty in recruiting governors. Here is a list of actions that governing bodies have taken to encourage prospective governors that you may find helpful:

When the school has events ensure that leaflets and posters are displayed (the pupils could create the posters!) encouraging people to become governors

- Ensure that your school website has a section on “what you have to do to become a school governor”
- Talk to those regular visitors to the school eg parent helpers, community police, and children services
- Speak to your local businesses and find out if they would be interested
- Raise the profile of the work that the governing body is undertaking eg school notice boards on display in school, governor newsletters, presence at events to talk to people (assemblies, parent evenings)
- Ask current school staff and governors if they know of anyone interested in becoming a school governor
- Ask your headteacher to approach other schools and find out if any staff would be interested in becoming a governor as part of their professional development.
- Contact local parish community magazine and find out if you could advertise for new governors in this.
- Ask your local community settings to display a poster, eg library, doctors, community centre
- Send flyers home in book bags

And if none of the above works then direct gentle persuasion works well!

Please contact Milton Keynes Governor Services if you have any queries, have a look at the mkgovernors website for further information on school governorship.

Finally the School Governors One Stop Shop at www.sgoss.org.uk is a national organisation that can provide support in recruiting for your school.