



Your personal statement is what schools looking for volunteers see when shortlisting. Take time to consider what to include to stand out:

- **Do include what motivates you** to volunteer as a governor.
- **Do make it clear if you are set on a specific type of school** (primary, secondary, special needs, faith etc). Remember there are far more primary schools than secondaries, and more opportunities to govern in primaries. Don't limit your options unless you are absolutely set on one type.
- **Do give details about skills and experience that you can bring.** e.g. finance or legal understanding, clear communication, data analysis, problem solving or business skills. In addition curiosity, enthusiasm and confidence are very welcome, so don't forget these less obvious abilities.
- **Do demonstrate you are committed.** It's what governing boards are looking for. e.g. any previous volunteering experience, regular attendance at something you have been a member of or your strong work ethic.

