

Applicant Profile

Surname	Vardy
Forename	Richard
Occupation	Web developer
Is there a particular school or schools that you would like to serve as a governor, or an area of the City? Please specify or state no preference	St Patrick's RC Voluntary Aided Primary School 3317 St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College 4609 I am aware of both schools and I believe I can bring significant benefits to these schools in particular.
What commitment (e.g. time) can you give to the role of governor?	I have flexibility in my availability and can often be quite flexible with my timetable. I am aware of the time taken in being a Governor and this is balanced by the help it would give me with my work with the Parents Council.
Do you have any educational experience which will support and enhance the work of the governing body? Please describe	I am currently working on a number of educational projects including ParentsCouncil.uk and family-learning.co.uk which aim to encourage parental involvement in education, and thus increase attainment of pupils.
Finance related experience	I have a BA in Economics and was treasurer at a Historic Sunderland building. I also have some experience at looking though budgets when from being a Sunderland City Councillor.
Personnel or human resources related	I have no HR qualifications or training, but have been on interview panels in the past.
Advertising or marketing experience	I have wide ranging experience in advertising and marketing from paper to websites, social media and PR. In a school context I have done a lot of work in this area through the Parents Council, but the school must have the infrastructure and leadership to make this work.
Management experience	Other than things covered elsewhere I have been on Management boards and general work in family businesses. I particularly like developing systems and procedures.
Health and safety or premises management related experience	As treasurer of a Grade 1 historic Sunderland building I did a lot of work particularly in compliance with accessibility and health and safety. Specifically I can recall installing hearing loops in most rooms and disability ramps within the confines of Grade 1 listing. I was also responsible for the financial management of the building.
Are you a member of any local voluntary groups or organisations, or are you involved in any community activities? Please describe	I am currently very active with ParentsCouncil.uk and my local school PTA. I am also a member of the Conservative Party. I do not join groups unless I can fully commit.
Are there any additional comments that you would like to make in support of your application?	I have strong skills in most forms of technology from IT to web systems. I am an innovator, problem solver and organiser. I also like to make things happen, once they are agreed.