

Forename	Donna
Surname	Brown
Occupation	Trained primary school teacher but currently taking career break working part time as a call centre operative
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	Would rather serve a school within Washington, especially one in the Concord, Sulgrave or Usworth area due to the proximity as I would like to give back to my local area.
What commitment (e.g. time) can you give to the role of governor?	I work part time, mornings only so would be available most afternoons (after 1.30) and evenings. Weekends would be possible for special events. I am willing to dedicate as much time as needed to this and would love to be active within a school.
Do you have any educational experience which will support and enhance the work of the governing body? Please describe	As already stated I am a qualified primary school teacher with 6 years experience, 2 of which I did supply so worked in schools in most areas of Sunderland.
Finance related experience	Limited but i have been treasurer for a small dramatic society but this was some years ago.
Personnel or human resources related experience	None
Advertising or marketing experience	Not in a professional capacity, however I have been involved in marketing for the aforementioned dramatic society which involved advertising and being involved with local press and events. My husband also works in market research so it is an area in which I have some understanding
Management experience	As part of my teaching role I was head of PE within a school which meant managing PE across KS1 and 2. As part of this role I delivered planning, training and assessed teaching and learning.
Health and safety or premises management related experience	None
Are you a member of any local voluntary groups or organisations, or are you involved in any community activities? Please describe	I am currently a breast feeding peer supporter and help out with a local Bosom buddies group on a Wednesday afternoon which is run by Sure start. I hope to develop this and become a la leche league counselor but am waiting for opportunities to arise. I am also part of a semi-historical group which helps out with events at Bedes world.
Are there any additional comments that you would like to make in support of your application to become a school governor?	As stated earlier I am currently taking a career break from teaching. My reason for this is that I have a 1 year old child and I know I cannot put the kind of hours into teaching that I used to and give him the time he needs, and I refuse to do a job that important and not do it to the best of my ability. However, I really miss being part of the life of a school and miss having an impact on and in general dealing with children. I would relish the opportunity to be a governor and feel I have so much to give to a school in terms of enthusiasm, experience, ideas and time.