

# **Some General Points about being a member of the Local Advisory Board**

## **Are you interested in making a positive contribution to children's education?**

- If so, then becoming a member of the Local Advisory Board could be just the opportunity you are looking for.
- You don't need to be an expert in educational issues.
- The most important contributions you can offer are time and enthusiasm.
- You will have the opportunity to contribute ideas and influence decisions.
- You will be given training and support to help you in your role.

## **By becoming a member of the Local Advisory Board, you will have an opportunity:**

- To work as part of a team
- To play a vital part in raising standards
- To help ensure that every child at the school reaches their full potential
- To make an important contribution to your local community
- To apply and extend your skills and knowledge.

## **How much time is involved?**

- School governors are the largest volunteer group in this country. Approximately 1% of the adult population are serving as governors.
- You will need to be able to give time to this role, which can at times be quite demanding but also extremely rewarding for you.
- You will need to be able to attend meetings, usually in the evening, and set aside time to prepare for meetings and read up on relevant issues.
- You will usually attend one Local Advisory Board meeting each term.
- As a Local Advisory Board member you may be invited to attend a range of events and activities such as dance productions and Awards Evenings.

## **Quotation from existing member of the Local Advisory Board**

*"School is a big part of my child's life and, through being a governor, I now have a better understanding of the education system and the issues facing the school".*