

# QUAKERS in YORKSHIRE

## Role Description

**Title of role:** **Governor of Bootham or The Mount Schools**  
(also called Member of the School Committee)

**Length of term of service:** 4 Years with re-appointment up to another 4 years allowed.

**Quakers in Yorkshire appoints the Governors of Bootham School and The Mount School. The two schools are run independently and are separate charitable companies.**

Reference to the “School” in this document means either Bootham School or The Mount School.

### **What the role entails:**

The members of the School Committee are the governors of School and collectively responsible for its governance. This includes approving the strategies and policies needed to run an effective school, ensuring that it complies with all statutory and regulatory requirements, appointing the head and senior staff, monitoring the performance of the schools, ensuring financial stability, overseeing the running and management.

Maintaining the Quaker ethos and upholding Quaker values in all educational matters.

### **Desirable skills, experience and availability of training:**

Skills in care, teaching, social organisations.

Experience of working in, or running, schools and charitable organisations employing staff, including financial matters.

Experience of serving on committees dealing with personal problems.

Understanding of the unique features of Quaker schools.

Sometimes specific skills are required. These will be stated in approaches to potential governors.

Robust safeguarding procedures are essential for the success of the School and all trustees must abide by them.

### **Contact with School:**

It is essential that potential governors meet with current governors and staff before appointment to ensure that there is mutual understanding of roles.

The School provides induction and opportunities for training in school governance.

### **Frequency of meetings and the time commitment envisaged:**

The frequency of meetings and commitments vary and will be discussed when contacting the School. There are normally a minimum of three Board meetings per year plus another committee meeting three times a year. Visits to School as arranged.

The time commitment varies considerably and depends on mutually agreed responsibilities.

**Keeping Friends informed:**

The Mount and Bootham report annually to a session of Quakers in Yorkshire.

**To find out more:**

Speak to the Clerk of the School Committee. Visit the School. Look at the website.

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