

Sustainability governor role description

Overview:

A sustainability school governor is responsible for supporting and monitoring the school leadership in embedding sustainable practices throughout the institution. This role plays a crucial part in driving environmental, economic, and social sustainability initiatives, ensuring that the school's policies and practices are aligned with broader sustainability goals.

This position is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future of both the school and the environment. You will help shape the next generation of environmentally-conscious citizens while ensuring the school operates sustainably for years to come.

Key Responsibilities:

Strategic Leadership:

- Help develop and monitor implementation of a sustainability strategy that aligns with the school's mission and values.
- Encourage the integration of sustainability considerations into all decision-making processes, including curriculum development, school infrastructure, and procurement.

Policy and Compliance:

- Review and influence the school's environmental policies, ensuring compliance with national sustainability standards and best practice.
- Monitor the implementation of sustainability targets, tracking the school's progress towards reducing carbon emissions, waste, and energy use.

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Curriculum:

- Advocate for the inclusion of sustainability topics across the curriculum, fostering awareness and responsibility among students and staff.
- Support the development of eco-friendly extracurricular activities and sustainability-focused clubs or projects.

Stakeholder engagement:

- Engage with students, staff, parents, and the wider community to promote a culture of sustainability within the school.
- Support collaboration with external organisations, local government, and environmental groups to enhance the school's sustainability initiatives.

Resource management:

- Monitor the school's resource use, including energy, water, and materials, ensuring efficient and responsible management.
- Champion input on the sustainable design of school facilities, including energy-efficient buildings, renewable energy sources, and green spaces.

Reporting and accountability:

- Regularly report on sustainability initiatives and progress to the governing body, ensuring transparency and accountability.

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- Provide advice on sustainable funding opportunities, including grants and partnerships, to support sustainability projects.

Required skills and interests:

- A passion for sustainability and a desire to support others to learn more about it, helping them to introduce it into their own environment

Preferred skills and interests:

- Good understanding of sustainability issues, particularly in education and community settings.
- Experience in sustainability or environmental management.
- Great communication and advocacy skills to engage with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Ability to analyse and interpret data related to environmental impact, energy use, and resource management.

Personal Attributes:

- Passion for sustainability and education.
- Collaborative mindset, working effectively with staff, students, and community members.
- Innovative thinker with a proactive approach to solving sustainability challenges.
- Integrity and commitment to the role's responsibilities.