

# What is a **Tech Governor**?

The impact of a cyber attack on a school can be devastating and have far reaching consequences - financial implications, data breach risks and reputational damage and, in extreme cases the cancellation of classes and the closure of the school. With a rise in the reports of attacks on schools it is essential that your school is equipped with the knowledge and skills to protect your data, devices and IT systems.

This is where a Tech\_governor could support you by providing strategic leadership on digital compliance as well as with policies and procedures for your ICT systems and data security. Their expert skills and knowledge could play a key role in strengthening your cybersecurity and protecting the school community.

## How you could benefit from a **Tech Governor**

Their knowledge and expertise can support you to ensure that the school has robust cybersecurity measures, policies and process in place to protect the data you hold and the devices used by staff and pupils.

They could help to ensure that you are meeting GDPR obligations in the protection and storage of data.

Their knowledge could help you keep abreast of the evolving nature of cyber attacks ensuring that your cybersecurity systems and processes are up to date.

They could provide you expert cybersecurity skills and knowledge that may be lacking amongst staff.

They can work with you and the board of Governors to ensure that you are aware of the Department for Education's Cyber Security Standards and that you understand your responsibilities.

# What does being a **Tech Governor** involve?

Alongside the core responsibilities of a governor, Tech governors also:

- ✓ Support school Senior Leadership to improve their understanding of cyber security risks, and their obligations.
- ✓ Make sure cyber security is embedded in the school's long term strategy
- ✓ Ensure both the school leaders and the governing board are aware of cyber risks and are adequately prepared in the event of a cyber incident.
- ✓ Support school Senior Leadership to understand their GDPR obligations and expectations under the DfE's 'Cyber Security Standards'.

## What next?

Now that you have been matched with a prospective Cyber governor you might find the following resources of use to better understand their role and how they can support the school:

- Department for Education - [Cyber Security Standards](#)
- National Cyber Security Council - [Cyber Security for Schools](#)
- London Grid for Learning - [Cybersecurity](#)