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Governors have to be perceptive people who can challenge and support the headteacher in equal measure and know when and how to do this. They must never overstep the mark and try to run the school themselves. As the Chief Executive of the National Governors Association succinctly puts it, governors and trustees should be: "Eyes on. Hands off!" They also have to understand the complexities of school organisation and be able to analyse the wealth of data that now exists on school performance.