

Disqualifications for holding the post of Governor

I. General Grounds:

- Registered pupils cannot be Governors.
- A Governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of election or appointment.
- A person cannot hold more than one Governor post at the same school at the same time.

II. Parent Governor:

A person is disqualified from being a Parent Governor if they are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours (for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in any consecutive twelve month period (at the time of election or appointment).

III. Grounds that arise because of particular failings or actions on the part of the Governor:

- a. A person is disqualified from being a Governor of a particular school if they have failed to attend the meetings of the Governing Body of that school without the consent of the Governing Body for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting they failed to attend. This does not apply to the Principal appointed by virtue of their office.
- b. A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office if that person:
 - Is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.
 - Is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
 - Has been removed from the office of charity Trustee or Trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement.
 - Is included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people.
 - Is barred from any regulated activity relating to children.
 - Is disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care.
 - Is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State.
 - Has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a Governor or since becoming a Governor.
 - Has received a prison sentence of two years or more in the 20 years before becoming a Governor.
 - Has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more.
 - Has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a Governor.
 - Refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a clearance.