

School Governors Eligibility

- A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. No current pupil of the Academy shall be a governor.
- A governor cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she is detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced, or he/she is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- A person is disqualified from being a governor by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he/she was responsible or to which he/she was privy, or which he/she by their conduct contributed to or facilitated.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she is included in the list kept by the Secretary of State under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act, 1999; or
- disqualified from working with children in accordance with Section 35 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; or
- barred from regulated activity relating to children (within the meaning of section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she is a person in respect of whom a direction has been made under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or is subject to any prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor where he/she has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 72 of the Charities Act 1993.
- A person is disqualified from being a governor if he/she refuses a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application for a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level.
- In the event that, following application, a criminal records certificate discloses any information which would, in the opinion of either the Chair of Governors or the Headteacher, confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified.
- No more than 19.999% of the Governing Body can comprise of Local Authority employees.