



Governors' Allowances Policy

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	✓	Seaton Sluice Middle School
	✓	Whytrig Middle School
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1 Aims

- 1.1 The governing body has decided to pay reasonable allowances from each school's delegated budget to cover any costs that governors incur through carrying out their duties.
- 1.2 This policy sets out the terms on which such allowances will be paid.
- 1.3 By adopting this policy, we will ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a governor on the grounds of cost.

2 Legislation and guidance

- 2.1 The [Maintained schools governance guide](#) (section 4.11.1) says that boards in maintained schools with a delegated budget can choose whether or not to pay allowances to board members. Where they choose to do so, it must be in accordance with a policy or scheme.
- 2.2 The legislation on governors' allowances is set out in the [School Governance \(Roles, Procedures and Allowances\) \(England\) Regulations 2013, part 6](#).

3 Overview

- 3.1 Members of the governing body may claim allowances to cover expenditure necessary to enable them to perform their duties.
- 3.2 This does not include an attendance allowance, or payment to cover loss of earnings.
- 3.3 Members of the governing body may claim allowances by completing a claim form and submitting it to the Clerk to the Governing Body.
- 3.4 Allowances will only be paid on the provision of a receipt, and will be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.
- 3.5 Members of the governing body may claim for:
 - childcare
 - care for elderly or dependent relatives
 - extra costs incurred because they have a special need or English as a second language
 - travel and subsistence costs
 - telephone charges, photocopying, postage, stationery, etc.
 - other justifiable allowances
- 3.6 Claims will be paid in arrears on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursable costs should be agreed in principle by the federation's Business Director **before** they are incurred.
- 3.7 The Chair of Governors (or the Vice Chair, where appropriate) may investigate claims that appear excessive or inconsistent. All claims will be subject to an independent audit.
- 3.8 All claims submitted must be supported by a valid receipt, ticket or VAT receipt for fuel in the case of mileage.

- 3.9 Travel expenses where a governor uses their own vehicle must not exceed the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates, which are published on [the HMRC website](#).
- 3.10 Governors are asked to submit any claims to the Clerk to the Governing Body within one month of their attendance at the qualifying event for authorisation by the Business Director.
- 3.11 Expenses will be reimbursed by BACS and governors will be asked to provide their bank details when they make their first claim.