

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

There are some restrictions on who can be a governor. A person is disqualified from being a governor or associate member if they:

- are at any time during their period of office detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- have failed to attend a full governing body meeting for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting they failed to attend, without the consent of the governing body
- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or a debt relief restriction order, or an interim order
- are subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under Section 429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order)
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 34 of the Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- are included in the DBS Barred List check of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people
- refuse an enhanced DBS check
- are disqualified from working with children
- are disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006
- are disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in a school
- have been sentenced, in the UK or elsewhere, to three months or more in prison (whether suspended or not and without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- have received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- have 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
- refuse an application being made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for an enhanced criminal records certificate
- are subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
- have been removed from a school governing body within the last five years
- are under a Section 128 direction (forbidding management of an independent school or academy trust)
- are under the age of 18
- are a registered pupil at the school

For more information on the list of legislation applying to schools, please refer to the Gov. UK website: Become a school governor or academy trustee - GOV.UK

Please note that your personal data will be processed in accordance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 for the purpose of verifying eligibility.