



General Requirements for serving as a Foundation Governor

- Practising Christian i.e. a worshipping member of the Church of England or of a church recognised by Churches Together or of another church holding to orthodox Trinitarian doctrines
- Able to meet the national criteria for all school governors – see appendix below
- Experience as a school or trust leader, governor, inspector, lawyer, property manager or maintainer, business person, HR manager, teacher, minister, church member or parent.

Code of Conduct for Foundation Governors

- Actively support the Christian ethos of the school and its reputation
- Attend full board and committee meetings (as required) on a regular basis, having read all the relevant papers in advance and given consideration to them
- Work co-operatively with other school governors to monitor, support and challenge the development and performance of the school in all areas
- Help to ensure that the school provides education for life, which is deeply Christian and serves the common good, in promoting the school's Christian distinctiveness
- Explain the responsibilities of the whole governing body with regard to the Trust Deed
- Act as a critical friend of the school, encouraging and challenging the headteacher and staff
- Respect contributions of all fellow governors
- Pray regularly for your school community, particularly for all staff, pupils, parents and governors
- Accept 'cabinet responsibility' for majority decisions, speaking and acting supportively of them
- Keep up to date with national and regional educational developments
- Attend training events to support the role of Foundation Governor i.e. 'Roles & Responsibilities of a Church School Governor' diocesan training course before taking office and thereafter once every five years, and at least 1 other diocesan training course within the 4 year term of office
- Get to know the school well and respond to opportunities to visit and get involved in school activities, time permitting
- Attend worship services, by invitation, when the whole school and individual classes come together for worship, prayer and biblical teaching, time permitting
- Only speak or act directly on behalf of the DBE when you have been specifically authorised to do so
- Only serve on a maximum of two governing bodies, and subject to not being a member of the school staff or recent senior leader or having a spouse / partner on the board.

You should be:

- *aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment.*

You should not:

- *be a person who is detained under the Mental Health Act 1983*
- *fail to attend the governing body meetings – without the consent of the governing body – for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed*
- *be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order*
- *have had your estate sequestrated and the sequestration not discharged, annulled or reduced*
- *have been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body*
- *be the subject of a disqualification order or undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 or an order made under section 429(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986*
- *be included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children*
- *be disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002*
- *be disqualified from registration for child minding or providing day care*
- *be disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006*
- *in the five years prior to becoming a governor, have received a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or otherwise, for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine*
- *in the twenty years prior to becoming a governor, have been convicted as aforesaid of any offence and had had passed on you a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two and a half years*
- *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 to allow an application to a DBS check.*