**DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM GOVERNORSHIP**

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.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a **parent governor** of a school if they:

* are an elected member of the local authority; or
* they work at the school for more than 500 hours in a school year.

***A person is also disqualified from being a governor or associate member if they:***

* have failed to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed, without the consent of the governing body (not applicable to ex officio governors);
* are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order.
* have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
* are subject to:
  + a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
  + a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  + a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
  + an order made under section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
* have been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement
* have been removed, under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, from being concerned in the management or control of any body.
* are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people;
* are barred from any regulated activity relating to children;
* are disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care;
* a disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State.
* have 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
* have received a prison sentence of two 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 to allow an application to the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) for a criminal records certificate.