

Governor Information - Situations that prevent a person from holding Governor Office

Regulations which were defined under the Disqualification Rules 2018 state that individuals who must be over 18, are disqualified from holding office, under these regulations, if he or she:

- Is a registered pupil at the school;
- Has failed to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months;
- Has been disqualified for failing to attend governing body meetings at the school without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months whilst serving as a foundation, local authority, co-opted or partnership governor at the school in the last 12 months;
- Has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- Is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- Is subject to:
 - A disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
 - A disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - A disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - An order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- Has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he was responsible; or to which he was privy; or to which he contributed or he facilitated by his conduct; or
- Has 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;
- Is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999);
- Is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 (or any other disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction);
- Is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008;

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- Is barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006;
- Is disqualified from working with children under sections 28, 29 or 29A of the Criminal Justice Court Services Act 2000;
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has been convicted of any offence and received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- has been convicted of any offence and received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- has been convicted of any offence at any time and received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- has been convicted of any offence and sentences to a fine under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premises) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate.

Also a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a Parent Governor of a school if they:

- Are an elected member of Herefordshire Council; or
- Work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one third of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).

All Governors are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Governing Body.