

Governors must confirm that they:

- have not been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend Local Governing Committee meetings for a continuous period of six months (unless apologies have been accepted and recorded);
- are not under the age of 18;
- are not currently a pupil at the school;
- are not subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order; or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- have not been disqualified as a company director or failed to make a payment under a county court administration order;
- have not been disqualified as a charity trustee; found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State; or ceases to be a trustee under any provision in the Companies Act 2006;
- have not been removed as a charity trustee on the ground of misconduct or mismanagement;
- have not been convicted of any criminal offence except for those 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, or those for which the maximum sentence is a fine or lesser sentence unless they have been convicted of an offence outlined in Section 178 of the Companies Act 2011;
- have provided an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to the Chair; and that the Chair, Chief Executive or Secretary of State has not determined that my unsuitability to work with children renders me disqualified;
- have not become incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering their own affairs;
- have not breached the Trust's Code of Conduct for Governors and Trustees or any issues detailed in the Trust's Complaints against Governors/Trustees Policy.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a local governor if any of the following applies:

- Inclusion on the list of those unsuitable to work with children
- Having been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 2 and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- Having received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- Having been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- Being subject to any of the disqualifying reasons as set out above
- Having been convicted for any unspent criminal offence – excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence was a fine (except for offences specified in the above table which will still count)

No person who is a Local Authority Associated Person (LAAP)* is eligible to be appointed to the office of Governor unless they have informed the local authority to which they are associated of their intention to become a Governor. They must also inform the Trust that they are a LAAP.

Anyone proposed, or serving as a governor, who is disqualified for one of these reasons must notify the Local Governing Committee's Governance Professional or the Trust's Head of Governance.

* Definition of a Local authority associated person (LAAP):

Members, officers (employees) of local authority, or individuals who are, or have been, within the last 4 years, a member of a local authority where that local authority has a responsibility for education or is a district or parish council where there is a land or other commercial relationship with the academy trust.

** Definition of an LA:

- county council
- district council
- London borough council
- parish council
- community council