

COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BODIES

The size and composition of a governing body is determined by the number of pupils registered at the school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 sets out in detail the number of each category of governor that is required for a particular sized school.

The term of office for a governor is four years, although, they may choose to resign at any time or could be removed under certain circumstances.

Governors are appointed or elected by specific bodies or groups as detailed below:-

Parent Governors

Parent Governors are elected through a ballot process by parents, someone who has parental responsibility or someone who has care of a child that is registered at the school.

LEA Representatives

LEA governors are not necessarily Councillors, but they are usually members of a political party. LEA governors are always appointed by the local education authority.

Teacher Governors

Teacher governors are elected by their colleagues to represent them. Teachers can only be governors whilst they are employed at the school.

Staff Governor

Staff Governors are elected by their fellow support staff at the school to represent them. They can only sit as governors whilst under contract to work at the school.

Community Governors (Co-opted)

Community Governors are elected by other members of the Governing Body. The Community Governor is intended to represent the business or voluntary interests of the community.

Minor Authority Governors (Co-opted)(Primary)

If there is a Community or Town Council within the school's community then they may nominate a representative to serve as a Minor Authority Governor.

Foundation Governors

A Foundation Governor is appointed by the people or organisation named in the school's Instrument of Government. A school with religious character will appoint foundation governors to secure the character is preserved and developed. Likewise,

where a school is a Trust bearing school, foundation governors are appointed to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with that trust.

Partnership Governors

Partnership Governors sit on the governing bodies of non church schools, i.e former grant maintained schools. Partnership Governors are sought from nominations from parents of registered pupils at the school and by other members of the community served by the school, as they consider appropriate.

Associate Pupil Governors (Secondary)

A maximum of 2 pupils from years 11-13 are nominated from membership of the School Council to be Associate Pupil Governors on their school's Governing Body.