



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS 2026

General and Age Disqualifications

- **Under 18:** Anyone under the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment.
- **Registered Pupils:** Anyone currently registered as a pupil at the school.
- **Multiple Posts:** Holding more than one governorship simultaneously at the same school.
- **Non-Attendance:** Failing to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months without the consent of the board

Financial and Insolvency Disqualifications

- **Bankruptcy or Debt Orders:** Being subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order, interim bankruptcy restrictions order, debt relief restrictions order, or interim debt relief restrictions order.
- **Sequestration:** Having an estate sequestrated (Scotland) where the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled, or reduced.
- **Company Directors:** Being disqualified from acting as a company director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.
- **Charity Trustees:** Having been removed from office as a charity trustee due to misconduct or mismanagement.

Criminal Convictions and Safeguarding

- **Prison Sentences:**
 - Received a prison sentence of 3 months or more (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before appointment or since becoming a governor.
 - Received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before appointment.
 - Received a prison sentence of 5 years or more at any time.
- **School Nuisance or Disturbance:** Convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises within the last 5 years.
- **Safeguarding and Barred Lists:** Included on a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) barred list or prohibited/restricted from working with children.
- **DBS Refusal:** Refusing a request by the clerk to apply for an enhanced criminal records certificate (DBS check).

Role-Specific Disqualifications

- **Parent Governors:** Cannot be an elected member of the Local Authority (councillor) or be paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any 12 consecutive months.