

RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP SCHOOL FEDERATION

Guidance Document

Qualification and Disqualification Regulations for School Governors in a Maintained School

Grounds for disqualification fall into three categories.

1. General Grounds:

- Registered pupils cannot be governors.
- A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of election or appointment.
- A person cannot hold more than one governor post at the same school at the same time.

2. Grounds that apply to particular categories of governor:

Parent Governor A person is disqualified from being a Parent Governor if they are an elected member of the local authority or paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period at the time of election or appointment. (a current Parent Governor who then becomes subject to this disqualification regulation is able to serve out their term of office).

3. Grounds that arise because of particular failings or actions on the part of the governor:

A person is disqualified from being a governor of a particular school if they have failed to attend the meetings of the governing body of that school for a continuous period of 6 months, beginning with the date of the first meeting they failed to attend, without the consent of the governing body. This does not apply to the headteacher or to the Ex Officio Foundation Governor who are appointed by virtue their office.

A Foundation, Local Authority, Co-opted or Partnership Governor at the school who is disqualified for failing to attend meetings is only disqualified from being a governor of any category at the school during the 12 month period starting on the date on which they were disqualified.

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I am not a registered pupil at the school

I am aged 18 or over at the time of my election or appointment

I do not hold another governor position at the same school as the same time (unless renewing a current position).

I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order; an interim bankruptcy restrictions order; debt relief restrictions order; an interim debt relief restrictions order; or my estate has not been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced.

I am not subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).

I have not been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body.

I have not been removed from office as an elected governor within the last five years.

I am not included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people.

I am not barred from any regulated activity relating to children.

I am not subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

I am not disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care.

I am not disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State. Subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence,

I have not been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor or since becoming a governor. Subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence.

I have not received a prison sentence of 2 ½ years or more in the 20 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor. Subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence,

I have not at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more.

I have not been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school or educational premises during the 5 years ending with the date immediately preceding appointment/election or since appointment or election as a governor.

I will not refuse a request by the clerk to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate.