



## **Governors Allowance Policy**

### **Statement of intent**

The governing board has decided to pay reasonable allowances from the school's delegated budget to cover any costs that board members incur through carrying out their duties.

This policy sets out the terms on which such allowances will be paid.

By adopting this policy, we will ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a governor on the grounds of cost.

### **1. This policy has due regard to the following Legal guidance and framework**

- The [Governance Handbook](#) (section 4.7.1, paragraph 63) says that boards in maintained schools with a delegated budget can choose whether or not to pay allowances to board members. Where they choose to do so, it must be in accordance with a policy or scheme.
- The legislation on governors' allowances is set out in the [the School Governance \(Roles, Procedures and Allowances\) \(England\) Regulations 2013, part 6](#).

### **2. What can governors claim expenses for?**

Governors of Newport Primary will be able to claim expenses in the following instances, on a case-by-case basis and with prior approval from the governing body:

#### **3. Travel:**

**4.** Claims for expenses may be made for travel between the governor's household and the school, at the level of mileage rates published by HM Revenue and Customs (45 pence per mile).

**5.** The nature of the visit must be related to the work of the governing body, e.g. governors' meetings, training courses, etc.

**6.** Payments will be reimbursed for use of public transport or taxis, upon production of a valid receipt.

**7.** The costs of parking for business away from the school, where necessary, will be returned upon production of a valid receipt.

#### **8. Childcare:**

**9.** In cases where a governor does not have a spouse or family member to care for a child/children when the governor must attend meetings relating to the work of the governing body, expenses will be returned for the cost of childcare or a babysitter.

**10.** Allowances will also be reimbursed for the cost of care for elderly or dependant relatives where the governor must be absent due to their governing duties.

#### **11. Specific needs:**

**12.** Governors may claim allowances for expenses relating to specific needs, incurred when carrying out approved duties.

**13.** The circumstances in which governors can claim expenses for specific needs may include: taxi fares, audio equipment or support from a signer, braille transcription, etc.

**14.** Telephone charges, photocopying, stationery, etc.

**15.** Claims for reimbursements can be made where a governor is unable to use the school's facilities for any of the above.

**16.** Allowances will be returned upon production of a valid receipt, where appropriate. In all other cases, a full written report must be submitted.

16.1. This list is not exhaustive and the school may decide to reimburse in other instances; however, this must be discussed by the governing body.

16.2.

**17. How are expenses claimed?**

17.1. Governors should claim expenses on a termly basis, unless the amount to be claimed is substantial and/or urgent.

17.2. Claims should be made using a claim form, and submitted to the Director of Resources via the school office.

17.3. Any claims will not be reimbursed unless authorised by the headteacher.

17.4. All claims will be subject to independent audit. If claims appear to be too frequent or excessive, the chair of governors may ask for further details.

17.5. An example of the claim form which will be used by the school can be found in [Appendix A](#).

## Appendix A – Claim form

This claim form consists of two sections. Section two must only be completed when payment has been made to another party, e.g. child carer.

### Section one

<b>Name of governor:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Date of expenditure:</b>	<b>Details of expenditure:</b>	<b>Claim:</b>
<b>Total claim:</b>		<b>£</b>

**[To be completed once authorisation of the claim has been approved.]**

I certify that the above expenses are actual and necessary, and confirm that cash/cheque has been received.

<b>Signature of governor:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Signature of headteacher:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Reimbursed by (name):</b>		<b>Date:</b>

### Section two

<b>Duty of service, e.g. childcare:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Amount received (£):</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

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