

Do you want to make a difference to children and young people?



Application to be a school governor

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other: _____ please specify

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone (daytime)

(evening)

Email

Fax

Is there a particular school, type of school (for example primary, secondary or special) or local area you are interested in? If so, which?

Please let us know the distance you are able to travel from where you live or work to attend meetings.

Why do you want to be a governor?

Please outline why you are interested in becoming a school governor. Please include details of your interests, work and life experience and voluntary work. **Please continue on a plain sheet of paper if you require more space.**

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Any other information you wish to give in support of your application:

Please continue on a plain sheet of paper if you require more space.

Do you have any children? Yes No Age(s)

If so, which school(s) do they attend?

If you do, you may be eligible to be an appointed parent governor.

Where did you find out about being a school governor?

I am committed to:

- attending governing body meetings on a regular basis Yes No
- attending governor training Yes No
- visiting the school on a regular basis Yes No
- acting as part of a corporate body (not alone) Yes No
- respecting confidentiality Yes No



It would help our awareness of community representation if you could tell us about your ethnic background. Choose ONE section and tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background.

Ethnic Origin:

White:

- British
 - Irish
 - Any other White background, please write in
- _____

Mixed:

- White and Black Caribbean
 - White and Black African
 - White and Asian
 - Any other Mixed background, please write in
- _____

Asian or Asian British:

- Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Any other Asian background, please write in
- _____

Black or Black British:

- Caribbean
 - African
 - Any other Black background, please write in
- _____

Chinese or other ethnic group:

- Chinese
 - Irish
 - Any other, please write in
- _____

Declaration

The information that you provide in this form will be held on a computerised database maintained by the governor support service (GSS). Your data will be used in accordance with the principles set out in the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998 which protects the right to privacy of individuals whose personal details are held by the GSS. Leeds City Council will only make candidate details available to schools or any other body involved with the recruitment of school governors.

Leeds City Council and all Leeds schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect governors to share this commitment.

Please sign below to confirm that the information you give on this form can be recorded and used by GSS in accordance with the DPA.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

Please read the disqualification criteria over the page and sign below to confirm that you are not disqualified from serving as a school governor.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING A GOVERNOR OF ANY CATEGORY IF YOU:

- they are at any time during their period of office detained under the Mental Health Act 1983(c);
- they have failed to attend the governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting they failed to attend, without the consent of the governing body (not applicable to ex officio governors);
- their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or they are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- they are subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- they have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under Section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- they are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people;
- they are disqualified from working with children;
- they are disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills;
- they have received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- they have received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- they have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- they have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- they refuse an application being made to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate.

If you are unsure of your eligibility to become a governor please contact the governor support service on 0113 247 5560 for advice.

Please complete this form in full and return to:

**Governor support service, 10th floor west,
Merrion House, Leeds, LS2 8DT.**

If you have any queries please contact us. Phone 0113 247 5564
or email: education.governors@leeds.gov.uk

