

Role and Expectations of a Local Authority Governor September 2014 (2012 Constitution regulations)

All local authority nominees are expected to:

- Develop a basic understanding of KCC Education Policy, strategy and plans and contribute appropriately to governing body discussion
- **You are a representative and not a delegate of the local authority**
- Attend full governing body meetings (details of the day and time of meetings for a particular school will be shared with you as part of the nomination process)
- Read agenda papers in advance, and participate in discussions and decision making in governing body or committee meetings
- Accept a governing body responsibility, either as an individual, monitoring pair, or as part of a committee
- Make a minimum of one governor visit to the school each year
- Undertake a one-day face to face induction training session for new governors, followed by at least 6 hours of training annually (either face to face or by e'learning)
- attend an annual briefing for local authority governors, held in Maidstone in the autumn term each year
- abide by any additional governing body requirements in place at their school e.g. code of conduct, training and development expectations etc (these will be shared with you prior to appointment)
- you must not meet the grounds for disqualification

General Information about the role of a school governor

Governing bodies have a vital and demanding role as the strategic leaders of our schools. All governors must govern in the best interests of pupils, no matter what category they represent. Being a governor is a demanding task, and anyone appointed should therefore have the skills to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school.

You will be expected to attend a minimum of 3-6 governing body meetings each year, attend committee meetings or undertake an additional responsibility, and visit the school as part of your monitoring role. You should also expect to undertake approximately 4 hours reading and/or analysis each month in preparation for meetings.

All maintained schools have one governor who is nominated to serve as a representative of the local authority, and is then considered for appointment by the governing body of a particular school. All governors are selected for the skills and experience they can contribute to the role

matched to the needs identified by the governing body. A term of office is between 1 and 4 years, and governors can stand for a further term if they so wish.

An individual who is also a member of staff at the school cannot be appointed as a local authority governor.

A local authority panel will select members as nominees and match them to the skills identified by individual governing bodies. The governing body will appoint the candidate who most closely matches their requirements.

Guidelines for the appointment of local authority governors set out the criteria for appointment. (see appendix ?) Potential local authority governors are required to complete an application form identifying their skills, experience and suitability for the role.