Types of Governors

The different categories of governor are:

Parent Governor

Parents, including carers, of registered pupils at a school are eligible to stand for election as Parent Governors.

Community Governor

Community Governors are chosen and appointed by the governing body. Pupils, Council staff and school staff cannot be Community Governors.

Staff Governor

Teaching and support staff paid to work at the school are eligible for election as a staff governor.

LA Governor

LA Governors are appointed by the Local Authority. LA Governors cannot be members of the school staff.

Foundation Governor

In Foundation, Voluntary Controlled or Voluntary Aided schools, Foundation Governors are appointed to represent the interest of the Church authority, voluntary trust or other organisation.

Sponsor Governors

Sponsor Governors are appointed by the governing body at its own discretion.

Associate Members

Associate Members are appointed by the governing body and can include pupils, staff and others with specific expertise to offer. They can serve on committees and attend full governing body meetings. Associate Members are not governors and not recorded on the Instrument of Government.