

## ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

### YOU CANNOT BE A GOVERNOR IF:

- You are under 18 at the time of your election or appointment or you are a registered pupil at the school; or
- You are **already** a governor of a different category at the **same** school; or
- You have been detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 during your period of office; or
- You have failed to attend governing body meetings, without the consent of the governing body, for a continuous period of six months, beginning with the date of the first meeting missed (not applicable to ex-officio governors); or
- You are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order; or
- You have had your estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
- You are subject to:
  - i) a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986;
  - ii) a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;
  - iii) a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
  - iv) an order made under Section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court administration order); or
- You 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 32 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from participating in the management or control of any body; or
- You are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children; or
- You are disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under Section 142 of the Education Act 2002; or
- You are disqualified from registration for childminding or providing day care; or
- You are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006; or
- You 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; or
- You have received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the twenty years before becoming a governor; or
- You have, at any time, received a prison sentence of five years or more; or
- You 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; or
- You refuse to allow an application to the Disclosure Barring Service for a criminal records certificate.