



Walton & Lees Hill C of E Primary School

Governors Allowance Policy

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INTRODUCTION

This policy statement has been developed in accordance with The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. These regulations give Governing Bodies the discretion to pay allowances from the school's annual budget allocation to governors for certain allowances which they incur in carrying out their duties.

School governors provide a voluntary service, and cannot be paid for their role as a governor. However, they can receive out of pocket expenses. This may include reasonable expenses to cover travel costs or child care costs incurred as a result of fulfilling their role as governor. Where the board has a delegated budget, whether to pay allowances and what allowances might reasonably be paid are matters for the board to decide. Where a board does not have a delegated budget, allowances and expenses may be paid by the local authority at a rate determined by them.

Payments can only be paid for expenditure necessarily incurred to enable the person to perform any duty as a governor. This does not include payments to cover loss of earnings for attending meetings. Travel expenses must be at a rate not exceeding the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates which are changed annually and are on HMRC website. Other expenses should be paid on provision of a receipt and be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.

The School believes that paying governors' allowances, in specific categories as set out below, is important in ensuring equality of opportunity to serve as governors for all members of the community and so is an appropriate use of school funds. The specific items allowable reflect this objective.

1. Governors may claim allowances in respect of actual expenditure incurred whilst attending meetings of the Governing Body and its committees, undertaking governor development and otherwise acting on behalf of the governing body:
2. Governors may not claim for actual or potential loss of earnings or income.
3. Governors may not be paid attendance allowance.
4. All governors and associate members are eligible to claim allowances in accordance with this scheme.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Categories of eligible expenditure are as follows:	
Care Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child care or baby-sitting expenses, where these are not provided by a relative or partner.• Care arrangements for an elderly or dependent relative, where these are not provided by a relative or partner.

Telephone Calls & Postage	
Travel	
Subsistence	
Other	The extra costs they incur in performing their duties either because they have special needs or because English is not their first language.

ALLOWANCE RATES

Rates at which allowances are payable are as follows:	
Care Arrangements	Actual costs incurred, up to a maximum of [*£XX] per hour
Telephone Calls & Postage	Also include photocopying costs and stationery - actual costs incurred.
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cost of travel relating only to travel to meetings/ training courses. In accordance with HRMC Authorised Mileage Rate, which is 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles and 25p above 10,000 for cars and vans, 24p per mile for motorcycles and 20p for bicycles.

	For public transport, actual costs incurred. However, where more than one class of fare is available, the rate shall be limited to secondclass fares. For travel by taxi the cost must not exceed [*£XX] per journey.
Subsistence	If additional expenses are incurred because work as a governor requires taking meals (i.e. breakfast, lunch or dinner) away from your school area, reimbursement will be made for the food/drink items bought on the day claimed.
Other	

CRITERIA FOR CLAIMS

- All claims must be submitted to the head teacher and clerk of governors on the attached claims form (Appendix A) within one calendar month of the expenditure being incurred (except for telephone calls).
- Receipts must be supplied to support claims for reimbursement, e.g. bus ticket, phone bill, taxi receipt, till receipt.
- In the case of telephone calls, an itemised phone bill should be provided, identifying the relevant calls.

FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

The school's normal systems for authorising and processing payments will apply to claims made under this scheme.

[*] *The Governing Body may vary these rates to meet their particular circumstances. The rates must be agreed at a full governing body meeting.*

FURTHER GUIDANCE

Further guidance can be found at:

- DfES Guidance on Paying Allowances to School Governors
<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/g/paying%20allowances%20to%20governors%20%20%20october%202003.pdf>
- The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/2688/contents/made>
- The DfE 'The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013 – Departmental Advice for School Leaders and Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools and Management Committees of PRUs in England', January 2014
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270783/school_governance_regulations_2013_departmental_advice.pdf

APPENDIX A CLAIMS FORM (GOVERNORS ALLOWANCE/EXPENSES)

Name:			
Full Address:			
Claim Period:			
I claim the total sum of £..... for governor expenses as detailed below. I have attached relevant receipts to support my claim.			
Signed:		Date:	/ /
Expenses for:			Amount Claimed £
Child Care/Babysitting expenses			
Care arrangements for an elderly or dependent relative			
Support for governors with special needs			
Support for governors whose first language is not English			
Travel to meetings/training courses			
Travel/subsistence to national meetings or training			
Telephone Charges			
Postage			
Photocopying			
Stationery			

