



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

"Working Together – Shaping Tomorrow"

School Governor Application Form

I wish to be considered for appointment as a school governor.

1. Personal details (please print)

Title and Name:

Any previous names or aliases (including maiden name):

Address:

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..... Post code

Contact address: (if different from above).....

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..... Post code:

E-mail address (if any): Date of birth:

Daytime tel no: Evening tel no:

Mobile Number:.....

2. Other information

How did you find out about governor vacancies? E.g. advertisement in the Echo, told by a friend etc.
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Have you ever been or are you currently a governor? Yes/No*

If yes please give details of the school, type of governor and period of office:
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Are you willing to attend training sessions? Yes/No*

* Delete as applicable

Note: in the case of parent/staff/teacher governor applications the following two sections will form the election statement if one is necessary.

3. Reasons for applying

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4. Equal opportunities

The Arnewood School pursues a policy of equality of opportunities and positively welcomes applications from all members of the community irrespective of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, age and disability.

Monitoring: it would help us to monitor community representation if you could answer the following:

How would you best describe your ethnic origin?

Please indicate your ethnic origin:

A White

British

Irish

Other White background *

B Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

White & Black African

White & Asian

Other Mixed background *

C Asian & Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Other Asian background *

D Black & Black British

Caribbean

African

Other Black background *

E Chinese or other group

Chinese

Any other background *

I do not wish to disclose my ethnic origin to The Arnewood School

* Please indicate any other ethnic background:

Gender Male

Female

Age Group (Please circle): 18 - 30 31 - 50 51 - 65 65+

5. Disabilities

Disability is described by the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial long term adverse effect on an individual's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Applications from disabled people are welcome. We will ensure that appropriate support is provided where required, both in the recruitment and selection process, and during employment.

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

I do not wish to disclose my disability data to
The Arnewood School

6. For School Use Only

I confirm that the person named on this form has been elected/appointed to the governing body.

Type of governor Date of appointment

Proof of identity checked Signature

Date Position

7. For Office Use Only

School Date of appointment

Type of governor Database updated no sooner than:.....

Database updated date BDS check requested date

Signature Name (print)

Position

In the interest of safeguarding children, we may ask you to apply for a criminal records certificate. "Spent" criminal records and other relevant information may legitimately be disclosed when individuals are involved with schools. If you are aware of any information which may be disclosed, you may wish to discuss its relevance with the headteacher in advance of your application.

Disqualification Criteria and Vetting

In the interest of safeguarding children it will be necessary for your application to undergo a vetting process. Criminal records may be disclosed because being a governor is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Exemption Act.

The following text summarises the qualification and disqualification regulations which can be seen in full on our website. Please seek advice if you think you may be affected.

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment. A registered pupil of the school cannot be a governor. A person cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A Person is disqualified from holding or from continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if they:

- have failed to attend meetings for six months;
- are bankrupt;
- are subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under companies legislation or an order concerning insolvency;
- have been removed from the office of trustee for a charity on grounds of misconduct or mismanagement or from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- are included in the list of those considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- are subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of Education Act 2002;
- are disqualified from working with children or from registration for child minding or providing day care;
- 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;
- have received a prison sentence of 2.5 years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
- 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;
- refuse to make an application for a criminal records certificate.

In addition:

A person is disqualified from appointment as a **local authority governor** if they are eligible to be a staff governor of the school.

A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a **parent governor** if they are an elected member of the LA or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours in any year. In addition a person may not be **appointed** as a parent governor unless they are:

- a parent of a registered pupil at the school, or if that is not possible
- a parent of a former pupil of the school, or if that is not possible
- a parent of a child of or under compulsory school age

At special schools the criteria are the same as the first 2 above, then

- a parent of a child of or under compulsory school age with special educational needs for which the school is approved, or if that is not possible
- a parent with experience of educating a child with special education needs

A person may not be a **partnership governor** if they are:

- a parent of a registered child at the school,
- eligible to be a staff governor at the school,
- an elected member or employee of the local authority

Declaration

I have read the summary of regulations above and confirm that I am not disqualified from serving as a school governor and that in the event that I am appointed to a governing body, I will notify the clerk to the governing body immediately should I become disqualified during my term of office. I understand that it is an offence to serve as a school governor whilst disqualified.

I agree to the information given on this form being recorded and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act and confirm that it is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed **Date**