

# Publishing Governor Information on School Website

## *Statutory Requirements*

Statutory guidance from the DfE includes requirements for the publication of governor's details and register of interests. The most recent publication of these requirements was in [Constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools: statutory guidance](#) (7<sup>th</sup> October 2016)

This is an extract from the Guidance relating to publication of information on the school website.

### Publication of governors' details and the register of interests

30. Governors hold an important public office and their identity should be known to their school and wider communities. In the interests of transparency, a governing body should publish on its website up-to-date details of its governance arrangements in a readily accessible form\*. This should include:

- the structure and remit of the governing body and any committees, and the full names of the chair of each;
- for each governor who has served at any point over the past 12 months:
  - their full names, date of appointment, term of office, date they stepped down (where applicable), who appointed them (in accordance with the governing body's instrument of government),
  - relevant business and pecuniary interests (as recorded in the register of interests) including:
    - governance roles in other educational institutions;
    - any material interests arising from relationships between governors or relationships between governors and school staff (including spouses, partners and close relatives); and
  - their attendance record at governing body and committee meetings over the last academic year.

31. Governing bodies should also publish this information for associate members, making clear whether they have voting rights on any of the committees to which they have been appointed.

32. Governing bodies should make it clear in their code of conduct that this information will be published on their governors and any associate members. Any governor failing to provide information to enable the governing body to fulfil their responsibilities may be in breach of the code of conduct and as a result be bringing the governing body into disrepute. In such cases the governing body should consider suspending the governor.

33. Further to section 538 of the Education Act 1996, governing bodies are now required to provide the Secretary of State with whatever information she requires for the purpose of the exercise of her functions in relation to education. This means that governing bodies must also now provide to the Secretary of State for Education certain details they hold, as volunteered by their governors, through Edubase and keep the information up to date. The information to be provided is set out in a message to all schools published on 1 July 2016 on GOV.UK.

*\* Readily accessible means that the information should be on a webpage without the need to download or open a separate document.*