

# Maplewell Hall School



## Governors Expenses Policy

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## 1. Aims

The governing board has decided to pay reasonable allowances from the school's delegated budget to cover any costs that board members incur through carrying out their duties.

This policy sets out the terms on which such allowances will be paid.

By adopting this policy, we will ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a governor on the grounds of cost.

## 2. Legislation and guidance

The [maintained schools governance guide](#) (section 4.11.1) says that boards in maintained schools with a delegated budget can choose whether or not to pay allowances to board members. Where they choose to do so, it must be in accordance with a policy or scheme.

The legislation on governors' allowances is set out in [The School Governance \(Roles, Procedures and Allowances\) \(England\) Regulations 2013, part 6](#).

## 3. Overview

Members of the governing board may claim allowances to cover expenditure necessary to enable them to perform their duties.

This does **not** include an attendance allowance, or payment to cover loss of earnings.

Members of the governing board may claim allowances by completing a claim form (see appendix 1) and submitting it to The Chair of the Finance Committee, c/o clerk to the governing body.

Allowances will only be paid on the provision of a receipt and will be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.

Members of the governing board may claim for:

- **Childcare** - Where a governor does not have a spouse, partner or other responsible adult to care for a child/ren during a period of absence, in which that governor attends meetings of the governing body, its committees or in otherwise representing the school or governing body; claims will be limited to reimbursing the actual cost paid to a registered child minder or the cost of a baby sitter.
- **Care for elderly or dependent relatives** - Costs may be refunded in similar circumstances to childcare. Claims will be limited to reimbursing the actual amount paid to a person providing the care that the governor would have provided during the period of their absence.
- **Extra costs incurred because they have a special need or English as a second language** - The translation of documents or provision of an interpreter may be met in circumstances similar to a governor with special needs.
- **Travel and subsistence costs** - Mileage up to a maximum of 40 miles, may be claimed where the distance between the governors' home and the school exceeds 3 miles. The use of public transport (where available) is encouraged, and fares will be reimbursed on the basis of actual expenditure, up

to the level of standard class rail travel. In cases where no public transport is available, the cost of a taxi fare will be reimbursed up to the level of the actual fare paid, upon production of a valid receipt.

- Telephone charges, photocopying, postage or stationery - May be reimbursed where the governor is unable to use the facilities of the school in the performance of any duty on behalf of the governing body. Governors must keep a written record or obtain a receipt, (where possible), relating to expenditure so incurred. Claims will be limited to reimbursing the actual costs involved.
- Where the school or governing body does not provide facilities or equipment to enable a governor for example to communicate or otherwise take part in the activity in question, claims will be limited to reimbursing the cost of, for example, provision of a signer, audiotapes, braille documentation, or travelling and subsistence for a person providing support, as the case may be.

Claims will be paid in arrears on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursable costs should be agreed in principle by [the governing board / finance committee and/or head teacher] **before** they are incurred.

The chair of governors (or the vice-chair, where appropriate) may investigate claims that appear excessive or inconsistent. All claims will be subject to an independent audit.

Travel expenses where a governor uses their own vehicle must not exceed HMRC's approved mileage rates (see appendix 2).

## 4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the governing board/ or finance committee. Any amendments will be presented at a meeting of the full governing board.

### Appendix 1: governor claim form

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### Governor claim form

Name:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENSE TYPE	£
Childcare	
Care arrangements for dependent relatives	
Support for a special need or English as a second language	
Travel or subsistence	
Telephone charges, photocopying, postage or stationery	
Other (please specify)	
<b>Total expenses claimed</b>	

This form should be submitted to Chair of Finance Committee / Head Teacher c/o Clerk to Governors along with any relevant receipts.

The form should be submitted within 14 days of the expenses being incurred.

## Appendix 2: approved mileage rates

The table below shows HMRC's current approved mileage rates, which are published online by [HMRC](#).

TYPE OF VEHICLE	FIRST 10,000 MILES	ABOVE 10,000 MILES
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motorcycles	24p	24p
Bikes	20p	20p