

Governor Allowances Policy

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1.	Aims
1.1	<p>The Governing Body 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.</p> <p>This policy sets out the terms on which such allowances will be paid.</p> <p>By adopting this policy, we will ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a governor on the grounds of cost.</p>

2.	Legislation and Guidance
2.1	<p>The Governance Handbook (section 4.7) says that boards in academies are free to determine their own policy on the payment of allowances and expenses.</p> <p>This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.</p>

3.	Overview
3.1	<p>Members of the Governing Body may claim allowances to cover expenditure necessary to enable them to perform their duties.</p> <p>This does not include an attendance allowance, or payment to cover loss of earnings.</p> <p>Members of the governing board may claim allowances by completing a claim form (see appendix 1) and submitting it to the school Finance Office.</p> <p>Allowances will only be paid on the provision of a receipt, and will be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.</p> <p>Members of the Governing Body may claim for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Care for elderly or dependent relatives • Extra costs incurred because they have a special need or English as a second language • Travel and subsistence costs • Telephone charges, photocopying, postage, stationery, etc. • Other justifiable allowances

	<p>Claims will be paid in arrears on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursable costs should be agreed in principle by the Chair/Vice Chair of the Governing Body before they are incurred.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Travel expenses where a governor uses their own vehicle must not exceed the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates (see appendix 2).</p>
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4.	Monitoring arrangements
4.1	This policy will be reviewed annually by the Finance and Resources Committee. Any amendments will be presented at a meeting of the full Governing Body.

Appendix 1: Governor Claim Form

Fir Vale Academy Trust

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)	
Total expenses claimed	

This form should be submitted to the school Finance office along with any relevant receipts.

The form should be submitted within 30 days of the expenses being incurred.

Appendix 2: Approved Mileage Rates

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

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