

## Board of Education Policy on Foundation Governors

Guidance and policy advice from the Board of Education regarding the appointment of Foundation Governors for use by PCCs, the Board of Education Archdeacons, and Multi Academy Trusts.

The Board of Education welcomes competent and skilled people of all denominations, faiths or none, to apply to be a Foundation Governor on the understanding that they sign up to the **Commitment to the Christian Foundation of the school:**

"I can confirm that I am committed to supporting the principles underlying the Trust Deed of the school in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the Church of England and I acknowledge the responsibility to uphold the faith and beliefs of the Church of England within the school. I commit to Foundation Governor induction training and subsequent relevant training and support offered by the Diocesan Education Team."

The Board of Education recommends that Ex-Officio Foundation Governors do not take on the role of chair of governors if at all possible.

The Board of Education **would not recommend** the appointment of anyone in the following categories as a Foundation Governor:

A former headteacher or deputy headteacher of the school.

A person with a spouse or close family member already on the Governing Board.

A current member of staff of the school, in any paid capacity.

The Board of Education would not ordinarily recommend a current governor who has completed **three** consecutive terms in the same school, however if the candidate wishes to be considered for a further term of service, an application may be made. The Chair of the Board of Education or the Schools Committee may consider the application on an individual basis if supported by the local incumbent, the governing body and the headteacher in line with other similar acts of service within church life.

The Board of Education has produced Template Application Forms for Foundation Governor Appointments made by PCCs, the BoE, Archdeacons, and Multi Academy Trusts. These template forms will ensure that all Foundation Governor appointments are made in line with the Board of Education Policy on Foundation Governors.

If you require any further help or information, please contact Ruth Gent at the Manchester Diocese Board of Education – [ruthgent@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:ruthgent@manchester.anglican.org)