



Fioretti Trust

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Trustee & Governors' Allowances Policy

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	Claire Grainger	Trust Board	3 Yearly; or more frequent if required		
	March 2019: Policy updated to reflect that this is now a policy to be reviewed by the Trust Board.				
<u>Version</u>	<u>Date Proposed</u>	<u>Date Accepted</u>	<u>Date of next review</u>	<u>Signature (Chair of Trust)</u>	<u>Reason for revision</u>
Version 0.01	25 th March 2019	2 nd April 2019	Spring Term 2022		Reviewing early due to including Trustees in the policy (had previously been LGB policy).
Version 0.02	29 th March 2022	5 th April 2022	Spring term 2025		Review: mileage allowance: increase 42p (from 40p) per mile

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And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Luke 6:31

Introduction:

The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013 states:

1. The governing body of a maintained school which has a delegated budget may determine to pay a member of that governing body or any associate member payments by way of allowance referred to in paragraph (2).
2. Such payments by way of allowance are in respect of expenditure necessarily incurred for the purpose of enabling the governor or associate member to perform any duty, being either payments made under regulation 30, or payments at a rate determined by the governing body, and made on provision of a receipt for the relevant amount.

Departmental advice issued in 2014 states:

School governors provide a voluntary service, and cannot be paid for their role as a governor. But they can receive out of pocket expenses. This may include reasonable expenses to cover travel costs or child care costs incurred as a result of fulfilling their role as governor. Where the board has a delegated budget, whether to pay allowances and what allowances might reasonably be paid are matters for the board to decide.

Payments can only be paid for expenditure necessarily incurred to enable the person to perform any duty as a governor. This does not include payments to cover loss of earnings for attending meetings. Travel expenses must be at a rate not exceeding the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates which are changed annually and are on HMRC website. Other expenses should be paid on provision of a receipt and be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.

The Trustees of the Fioretti Trust uphold and maintain the principles laid out in the School Governance regulations.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that a trustee or governor (or non-governor who is an associate member of the trust or governing body), is not out of pocket where the school has derived a benefit from such outlay. The policy also reaffirms the Trust Board's commitment to ensuring equality of participation for all trustees and governors. Trustees and governors cannot be paid attendance allowances or for any loss of earnings.

Allowances and expenses necessarily incurred for which a claim may be made comprise the following:

Child care expenses.

Where a trustee or 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, approved governor training/conferences or is 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. If committee meetings fall within times of the before/after school club, trustees/governors may use this facility with negotiation with Head of School / Headteacher.

Care arrangements for an elderly or dependent relative

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.

Trustee / Governors with a special need

Where the school or governing body does not provide facilities or equipment to enable a trustee / 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.

Trustee / Governors whose first language is not English

The translation of documents or provision of an interpreter may be met in circumstances similar to a governor with special needs.

Telephone charges, photocopying costs and stationery

Stationary costs (or similar) may be reimbursed where the trustee / governor is unable to use the facilities of the school in the performance of any duty on behalf of the governing body/trust board. Trustees / 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.

Travel and subsistence

Mileage may be claimed where the distance between the trustee / governors' home and the school or other venue which trustees / governors are required to attend on business related to the work of the governing body or trust board (e.g. meetings, approved training courses/conferences, visits to other providers, etc.) exceeds 10 miles. Where several trustees / governors attend the same meeting or event they are encouraged to share transport so as to minimise costs. Where necessary, the cost of parking to enable attendance of business away from the school site will be reimbursed up to the level of the actual charge paid, upon production of a valid receipt. 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 or personal vehicle 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. Mileage allowance will be reimbursed at the rate of 42p per mile for the miles travelled in excess of 10 miles.

Claiming

To reduce administration, unless substantial sums are involved, governors are asked to claim termly in arrears, prior to the end of the financial year in question. Claims should be made on the approved form to the financial officer / bursar / business manager, and authorised by the Head of School / Headteacher or The Chair of the Resources Committee/ LGB.

End of Policy.