



The Gateway Primary Academy

Governor Allowances/Expenses Policy

September 2023

Agreed by governor finance committee on: Tuesday 26th September
To be reviewed by: September 2025

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.

Legislation and guidance

The Governance Handbook (section 4.7.1, paragraph 65) says that boards in academies are free to determine their own policy on the payment of allowances and expenses.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

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 Headteacher, The Gateway Primary Academy, Milestone Road, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6DW

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:

- Travel and subsistence costs

➤ Telephone charges, photocopying, postage, stationery, etc.

➤ Other justifiable allowances

Where deemed necessary, claims will be paid in arrears on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursable costs should be agreed in principle by the finance committee **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 the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates (see appendix 2).

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed biannually by the Chair of Governors. 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	£
Travel or subsistence	
Telephone charges, photocopying, postage or stationery	
Other (please specify)	
Total expenses claimed	

This form should be submitted to Jamiel Cassem, The Gateway Primary Academy, Milestone Road, Dartford, DA2 6DW along with any relevant receipts.

The form should be submitted within 10 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