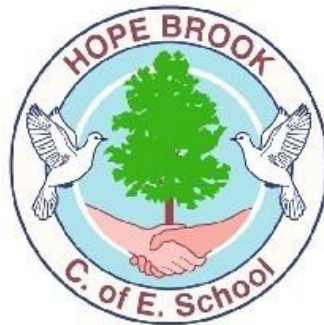


Hope Brook C of E Primary School



Governors Allowances Policy

Learning together and growing together!

Our God given ethos inspires our atmosphere to nurture, raise aspirations and promote life in its fullness.

It gives us the breath to develop respectful, enquiring minds, a spirit of curiosity and resilience.

We celebrate the preciousness of each person but water the goodness of working together to bring light into our community.

Light shining on the wider world, radiating HOPE.

Hope and respect for the future

Opportunities for all

Positive relationships that make a difference

Empowering all with knowledge and wisdom

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The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013 give Governing Boards the discretion to pay allowances, from the school's annual budget allocation, to governors for certain allowances which they incur in carrying out their duties.

Hope Brook C of E Primary School Governing Board believes that paying governors allowances, in specific categories as set out below, is important in ensuring equality of opportunity to serve as governors for all members of the community and so is an appropriate use of school funds. The specific items allowable reflect this objective.

From September 2019, all governors of Hope Brook C of E Primary School will be entitled to claim the actual costs, which they incur, as follows:

1. Governors will be able to claim allowances providing the allowances are incurred in carrying out their duties, as a Governor or representative of Hope Brook C of E Primary School, and are agreed by the Resources Committee that they are justified before any reimbursable costs are incurred.
2. Governors will be able to claim for the following, on a case-by-case basis and with the prior approval of the Governing Board:
 - Childcare or babysitting allowances (excluding payments to a current/former spouse or partner);
 - Cost of care arrangements for an elderly or dependent relative (excluding payments to a current/former spouse or partner);
 - The extra costs they incur in performing their duties either because they have special needs or because English is not their first language;
 - The cost of travel relating only to travel to meetings/training courses at a rate of £0.45 pence per mile.
 - Telephone charges, photocopying, stationery, postage etc;
 - Any other justifiable allowances.

The Governing Board at Hope Brook C of E Primary School acknowledges that:

- Governors may not be paid attendance allowance;
- Governors may not be reimbursed for loss of earnings.

Governors wishing to make claims under these arrangements, once prior approval has been sought, should complete a claims form (attached), attaching receipts, and return it to the school within two weeks of the date when the allowances were incurred, when they will be submitted for approval by the Chair of Governors or Chair of Finance to be presented to the Resources Committee for final approval.

Claims will be subject to independent audit and may be investigated by the Chair of Governors (or Vice Chair in respect of the Chair of Governors) if they appear excessive or inconsistent.

Date of policy: September 2022

Date of review: September 2023

This policy was formulated in consultation with the Headteacher and teaching staff.

This policy was accepted by the Governing Body at their meeting on Wednesday 12th October 2021 and will be reviewed annually.

A signed copy of this policy can be found in the Hope Brook Policy Folder, which is stored in the staffroom.