

Additional Community Governors:

- **Enable the governing body to add specific areas of expertise to the governing body, reflecting a balance of interests amongst the stakeholder group. They are appointed as representatives of the community council and may present the community council's view in the same way as other categories of governors represent the interests of their constituents.**
- **ARE nominated by the community council (s) where a maintained primary or nursery school is situated in a community council area*. If a school serves an area where there are 2 or more community councils, the governing body may request nominations from one or more of the community councils.**
- **ARE appointed for a term of office up to a maximum of 4 years by the community council. This is determined by the person/body who appoints the additional community governor.**
- **ARE entitled to exercise the same powers, duties and responsibilities as other governors and have the same rights as other governors.**
- **ARE required, like other governors, to exercise their own best judgement when contributing to the decisions of the governing body.**
- **ARE eligible to be disqualified from completing their term of office if they fail to attend governing body meetings for more than six months, without the consent of the governing body.**
- **CAN be removed by the person who nominated him or her.**
- **CAN be suspended by the governing body by resolution, for all or any meetings of the governing body for up to six months for reasons as noted in The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 49).**

Additional Community Governors:

- **MAY NOT act individually unless a specific task has been formally allocated to them by the governing body, giving power to the individual governor to act on its behalf.**
- **MAY NOT, in common with all other categories of governor, play a part in the governing body's decision making when they have a personal and/or pecuniary interest in the outcome of the decision.**
- **MAY NOT, in common with all other categories of governor, disclose details which are unlikely to be recorded in the minutes, even if the details have not been deemed to be confidential by the governing body.**

*** Please note: If this is the case, the Instrument of Government of a school must provide for the governing body to include an additional community governor in addition to the other categories of governors.**

Remember like all governors, Additional Community Governors can benefit from training. Advice and information can always be sought from the LEA governor support office, the diocesan authority (where appropriate) and from the Governors Wales' helpline 0845 6020100.

Essential reference material:

School Governors Guide to the Law; A Handbook for School Governors in Wales; Principles of Conduct for Governors of Schools in Wales; The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005

N.B. This fact file should be read in conjunction with the material listed above and the information produced by your LEA and diocesan authority where appropriate.

***The governing body may wish to seek clarification on the interpretation of this process.
Please phone the Governors Wales helpline on 0845 60 20 100***