

**What does it mean to be a parent governor?**

Parent governors are elected as “representative” of the parents and carers of registered pupils in the school. They are not delegates and should not see it as their role. Where a parent has a concern, they should be pointed in the direction of the appropriate member of school staff (in accordance with the school's concerns/complaints procedure.) Parent governors cannot be mandated by the parents to vote in a certain way but must vote for what is best for the school.

**What does it mean to be a staff governor?**

The role is different from a union representative. A staff governor is not a staff representative but a representative member of staff. Staff governors cannot be mandated by the staff to vote in a certain way but must vote for what is best for the school.

**Tainted**

The chair of governors or members of the board would normally be considered 'tainted' by their previous knowledge of a concern or complaint, and therefore their ability to be seen as impartial would be prejudiced.