

# Featherstone Primary School

## Governors' Expenses Policy



**Governing Board approval date:** 10.01.23

**Monitoring, evaluation and review:** Every three years

### **Preamble**

Governors give their time generously for the benefit of the school. So that every governor is able to attend meetings and training and is not prevented for financial reasons from playing his or her full part as a governor, the Governing Body formally agreed the following policy on paying governors' expenses.

### **Key features of this policy**

- Governors are required to be mindful that expenses can only be claimed for legitimate expenditure directly incurred in their role as a governor of this school
- Governors cannot claim an allowance for attendance at meetings
- Governors cannot claim expenses for loss of earnings
- Governors may be reimbursed for expenses – i.e., training courses and other agreed

meetings undertaken in the course of their duties. All the categories under which expenses may be claimed are set out below:

1. Governors can only claim expense for the actual cost incurred (that is, the cost must have been incurred by the governor before it can be reimbursed). Claims will only be considered if receipts verifying expenditure are presented.
2. It is the responsibility of governors to decide for themselves whether or not to claim.
3. The method of claiming expenses should ensure that governors are able to claim without embarrassment.
4. Existing Governors (and new governors at their first meeting) should be given a copy of this policy. The policy will also be made available on request to any prospective governor.
5. The policy should be reviewed annually by the Finance Committee and any changes agreed by the full Governing Board.

### **Approved categories**

There are three approved categories:

1. Travel
2. Clerical

**TRAVEL EXPENSES**

**Public Transport** – reimbursement of fare upon production of ticket; rail travel should be by second class and every effort should be made to use fares which offer best value.

**Taxi** – reimbursement of fare upon production of receipt. A taxi should only be used if the same journey cannot be made by public transport or is necessary to ensure the safety of a Governor.

**Carpark** – reimbursement of fees upon production of receipt.

**CLERICAL EXPENSES (stamps, envelopes, photocopying etc)**

As required to cover the cost of unavoidable clerical expenses incurred carrying out governors' duties but subject to proof of purchase (e.g. till receipt).

**Procedure for Claiming**

In order to provide a clear audit trail, governors claiming allowances should complete a copy of the attached proforma, providing proof of attendance at the meeting or training course (signature of Chair of meeting or course leader is required) and proof that expenditure has occurred.

If a governor is unsure about claiming for expenses, he or she should seek guidance from the Chair of the Finance Committee or Clerk, who may in turn seek further guidance, should the need arise.

The Finance Committee agrees an annual budget to cover governors' expenses when the school sets its spending plan.

The Headteacher or Finance Chair allocates the expenditure to the relevant budget, and keeps a record together with completed claims proformas.

The Finance Committee monitors expenditure and agrees any virement as may be necessary.

FEATHERSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

GOVERNORS' EXPENSES CLAIM FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to claim £\_\_\_\_\_ (please insert amount claimed and tick appropriate boxes)

I CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED A MEETING ON \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

AT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Meeting/Course Tutor (please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Chair/Course Tutor

1. TRAVEL EXPENSES

Bus Ticket – please attach bus ticket

Taxi fare – please attach receipt

2. CLERICAL EXPENSES

3.

Please attach a list of the items purchased and a receipt to this proforma

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**I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SEEN THE RECEIPT / PROOF OF EXPENDITURE AND HAVE REIMBURSED THIS CLAIM ACCORDINGLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Headteacher or authorised Deputy (please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Headteacher or Deputy

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED £\_\_\_\_\_ IN RESPECT OF GOVERNORS' EXPENSES

\_\_\_\_\_ Claiming Governor (please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date