



Virtual Meeting Policy

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Joseph Turner Primary School

Policy on Governor Virtual Meeting Attendance

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The School Governance (England) (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) Regulations 2013 make provision for governing bodies of maintained schools in England to: "approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference".
- 1.2 In relation to this the governing body of Joseph Turner Primary School has determined the following arrangements will apply.
- 1.3 These arrangements apply to meetings of the full governing body and to committee meetings.

2. Virtual Attendance at Face to Face Meetings

- 2.2 Where a governor wishes to attend a meeting of the governing body by either telephone or video link the chair and governance professional must be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made where possible. The governors will be asked their reasons for not attending the meeting in person and their attendance virtually will be subject to the approval of the governing body at the beginning of the meeting, though this approval will not be withheld without good reason. Where approval is withheld the reason for this will be minuted and the governor informed immediately.
- 2.3 Governors should attend face to face meetings in person or submit their apologies.
- 2.4 Governors attending the meeting virtually will contribute to the quorum for the meeting. If the technological link is lost they will cease to contribute to the quorum, but this will not prevent the meeting continuing in their absence unless it has become inquorate.
- 2.5 The meeting will be chaired by a governor who is present in person.
- 2.6 If, after all reasonable efforts, it does not prove possible for a governor to participate by telephone or video conference the meeting may still proceed with its business provided it is otherwise quorate.

3. Virtual Meetings

- 3.1 The three statutory full governing body meetings will be face to face meetings. All committee meetings will be virtually but if needed these meeting can be held face to face. Additional and extraordinary meetings can take place via telephone or video conference call as long as the usual quorum of governors is 'present' on the call.
- 3.2 Where a meeting is taking place virtually every effort will be made to enable all governors to access the meeting.
- 3.3 Where a meeting is taking place virtually the usual statutory notice arrangements will apply and all papers to be considered will be circulated at least seven days in advance of the meeting, except where the chair has exercised his/her right to waive the usual notice in an emergency situation.
- 3.4 Virtual meetings will be minuted in the same way as other meetings, either by the governance professional being present virtually or by a governor who is present, other than the headteacher, taking the minutes, and these will be presented to the next meeting of the full governing body.
- 3.5 Virtual meetings should not be recorded by any governor or the governance professional without the approval of the governing body and for a specified purpose.

4. Review of this Policy

- 4.1 The policy will be reviewed at least annually, but any governor with any concerns about its operation can request that it is reviewed at any time.