

Lingfield Primary School

A Personal Best School



Governors Expenses

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This policy statement has been developed in accordance with the Education (Governors' Allowances) Regulations 2003. These regulations give Governing Bodies 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. Lingfield Primary School governing Body 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.

1. Governors are able to claim allowances providing the allowances are incurred in carrying out their duties, as a governor or representative of Lingfield Primary School, and are agreed by the Finance 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 Body:
 - Childcare or baby sitting 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 40p per mile which does not exceed the specified rate for school personnel
 - Telephone charges, photocopying, stationery, postage etc.
 - Any other justifiable allowances

The Governing Body at Lingfield 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 (obtainable from the Clerk), attaching receipts where possible, 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 Finance Governor.

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