

Governors

Governing Bodies are the key strategic decision makers and vision setters in every school and academy. They are also a key part of the overall system for a school's accountability. Governing Bodies have a vital role to play in driving up school and pupil performance and ensuring that the resources available are well used.

The School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 came into force on 18th March 2016.

Enhanced DBS checks are mandatory for all governors. Where a governor has been elected or appointed before 1st April 2016 and does not hold an enhanced DBS certificate, the governing body must apply for a certificate in respect of that governor by 1st September 2016. Where a governor is appointed after 1st April 2016 and does not hold a DBS certificate, the school must apply for one within 21 days of the governor's appointment. The Chair of Governors is ultimately responsible for ensuring these necessary checks are carried out. However the actual process should be undertaken by the headteacher/school business manager or administrator as appropriate.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>.