

# ***EXPECTATIONS FOR GOVERNORS AND CODE OF CONDUCT***

## **Expectations for Governors**

The following is a list of expectations for all governors:

- To attend and actively participate in all governing body meetings during the year (normally 3 per year once a term)
- To Join at least one committee and attend the meetings of the committee
- If unable to attend a governing body meeting or committee meeting – provide apologies and a reason for your absence to the Clerk/Chair of the governing body/committee
- Undertake Governor Induction (through the school and/or a training session that is available through Islington Governor Services)
- Commit to completing ongoing relevant training to continuously update knowledge
- Carry out regular pre-arranged governor visits with specific purposes to find out more about the school and to have the opportunity to gather the views of pupils, staff and parents.

## **Code of Conduct**

Each Governing Body should have a code of conduct which sets out the expectations on and commitment required from school governors in order for the governing body to properly carry out its work within the school and the community.

While codes of conduct may vary between schools, most Codes will include the above expectations and be based on the NGA Model Code of Conduct which details the following:

- Governor Role & Responsibilities
- Expected Commitment
- Relationships
- Confidentiality
- Conflicts of interest
- Consequences of Breaching the Code of Conduct

Please note that if your governing body has a Code of Conduct you will be required to read and sign the document.

The Chair of the Governing Body should provide you with the Code of Conduct and discuss it with you.

If your school has a Code of Conduct, it may be reviewed and signed by governors annually as this is considered best practice.