

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SCHOOL WEBSITES

Two important documents were published in August 2015 that have implications for governing bodies of maintained and academy schools. Both documents contain statutory guidance that must be followed with effect from 1st September 2015, including information that must be published on school websites. Please refer to each relevant document for the full guidance.

The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools August 2015:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/459032/The_Constitution_of_Governing_Bodies_of_Maintained_Schools_Stat_Guidance....pdf

In particular please note under Publication of Governor's Details and the Register of interests page 10:

Governors hold an important public office and their identity should be known to their school and wider communities. A governing body should publish on its website up-to-date details of its governance arrangements in a readily accessible form (meaning it should be on a webpage without the need to download or open a separate document). To include:

- The structure and remit of the governing body and any committees and the full names of the chair of each
- For each governor who has served at any point over the past 12 months:
 - -Their full names, date of appointment, term of office, date they stepped down (where applicable), who appointed them (refer to Instrument of Government)
 - -Any relevant business and pecuniary interests (as recorded in the register of interest) including:
 - Governance roles in other educational institutions
 - Any material interests arising from relationships between governors and school staff
 - Their attendance record at governing body and committee meetings over the last academic year
- This information should also be recorded for Associate Members including any voting rights on any of the committees to which they have been appointed.
- Governing bodies should make it clear in their code of conduct that this information will be published. Any governor failing to provide information may be in breach of the code and as a result be bringing the governing body into disrepute. In such cases, the guidance says the governing body should consider suspending the governor.

The Academies Financial Handbook 2015 can be found on the Academies page of the website.