# Eligibility - Qualifications and Disqualifications

Regulation requires that all governors have to be eligible and the criteria is listed below. You must read, understand and confirm your eligibility before becoming a governor.

**Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a Parent Governor:**

* A person must be aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment.

* No current pupil of the school, or of any school in the Vale Academy Trust, shall be a local governing body member.

* A governor must not also be a clerk to the local governing body at which they are a governor.

* A parent/carer cannot stand for election if they work at the school for more than 500 hours in a twelve month period.

* A person cannot hold more than one governor post at the same school at the same time.

* A person shall be disqualified from holding office or continuing to hold office as a governor if:
  + s/he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering his/her own affairs;
  + s/he is absent without the permission of the local governing body from all their meetings held within a period of six months, and the governors resolve that his/her office be vacated;
  + s/he has been declared bankrupt and/or his estate has been seized from his/her possession for the benefit of his creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
  + s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
  + s/he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
  + s/he is subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986

(failure to pay under county court administration order);

* + s/he ceases to be a trustee/governor by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006;
  + s/he is disqualified from acting as a trustee/governor by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision); or
  + s/he is otherwise found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State;
  + s/he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which (s)he was responsible; or to which (s)he was privy; or which (s)he, by his/her conduct, contributed to or facilitated;
  + s/he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;
  + s/he has not completed an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (organised by the school shortly after someone joins as a governor)