



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF

LEA GOVERNORS IN MONMOUTHSHIRE SCHOOLS

1. LEA Governors are appointed representatives of the LEA on a school's governing body. They are not delegates, but can be removed at the discretion of the LEA.
2. They may represent the LEA view, but in all cases the interests of the school are paramount and all governors shall abide by the governing body's rules and code of conduct.
3. A governor appointed by the LEA must, like all governors be in a position to:
 - Offer time, commitment and energy to the role.
 - Become well informed about current educational thinking.
 - Know about the needs of the school, its staff and pupils.
 - Visit the school with purpose, sensitivity and understanding.
 - Undertake training as necessary.
 - Attend meetings regularly.
 - Conform to agreed procedures at meetings.
 - Undertake appropriate preparation and reading.
 - Work co-operatively as a member of a team.
 - Find out as much as possible about the community served by the school.
 - Understand that the position does not offer a personal or political platform.
4. When an LEA governor vacancy occurs, the school may advise the LEA of its needs in terms of balance of skills, gender or other considerations for the good of the school. It shall have the right to submit names for consideration.
5. When an LEA Governor vacancy occurs, the County Councillor in whose electoral area the school is situated, will be informed. (All other County Councillors will be advised by e mail of the vacancy for information.) (S)He should consult the school's headteacher and chairman of governors as well as fellow Councillors in cases where pupils are drawn from beyond his/her electoral division. (S)He may recommend names for consideration.
6. The LEA will appoint the persons most suitable to be governors according to the criteria set out above. The appointment will be made as soon as possible after the vacancy arises, recognising the serious operational difficulties which may occur when governing bodies are incomplete.