

**Governors Allowance Policy**  
**Thomas Johnson Lower School**

**Date – Autumn 2024**

**Responsible – FGB**

**Review – Autumn 2027**

**Our School Vision:**

**Thomas Johnson Lower School** are committed to our school's vision – *Dream, Discover, Flourish* – for all in our school family. To enable this, we are committed to ensuring the very best governance for our school. To support our governors in their valuable, voluntary work and to ensure the very best support can be sought, our Governors Allowances policy is in place.

**Aims:**

The governing board has decided to pay reasonable allowances from the school's delegated budget to cover any costs that board members incur through carrying out their duties. This policy sets out the terms on which such allowances will be paid. By adopting this policy, we will ensure that no member of the community is prevented from becoming a governor on the grounds of cost.

**Legislation and guidance:**

The Governance Guide for maintained schools says that boards in maintained schools with a delegated budget can choose whether or not to pay allowances to board members. Where they choose to do so, it must be in accordance with a policy or scheme.

The legislation on governors' allowances is set out in the School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013, part 6.

**Overview:**

Members of the governing board may claim allowances to cover expenditure necessary to enable them to perform their duties. This does not include an attendance allowance, or payment to cover loss of earnings.

Members of the governing board may claim allowances by completing a claim form (see appendix 1) and submitting it to the school's Office Manager.

Allowances will only be paid on the provision of a receipt, and will be limited to the amount shown on the receipt.

Members of the governing board may claim for:

- Childcare
- Care for elderly or dependent relatives
- Extra costs incurred because they have a special need or English as a second language
- Travel and subsistence costs
- Telephone charges, photocopying, postage, stationery, etc.
- Other justifiable allowances

Claims will be paid in arrears on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursable costs should be agreed in principle by the Chair of Governors before they are incurred.

The Chair of Governors (or the Vice-Chair, where appropriate) may investigate claims that appear excessive or inconsistent. All claims will be subject to an independent audit.

Travel expenses where a governor uses their own vehicle must not exceed the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) approved mileage rates (see appendix 2).

**Monitoring arrangements:**

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the governing board. Any amendments will be presented at a meeting of the full governing board.

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**Appendix 1: Governor claim form****Thomas Johnson Lower School****Governor claim form****Name:****Address:****Claim period:**

I claim the total sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ for governor expenses as detailed below. I have attached relevant receipts to support my claim.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENSE TYPE	£
Childcare	
Care arrangements for dependent relatives	
Support for a special need or English as a second language	
Travel or subsistence	
Telephone charges, photocopying, postage or stationery	
Other (please specify)	

**Total expenses claimed:**

This form should be submitted to the school's Business Manager along with any relevant receipts.

The form should be submitted within 3 weeks of the expenses being incurred.

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**Appendix 2: Approved mileage rates**

The table below shows HMRC's current approved mileage rates, which are published on the HMRC website.

TYPE OF VEHICLE FIRST 10,000 MILES ABOVE 10,000 MILES		
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motorcycles	24p	24p
Bikes	20p	20p