
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The School Governance (Roles, Procedures
and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013**

PART 2

Roles of the Governing Body and Head Teacher

- 6.—(1) The functions of the governing body include the following core functions —
- (a) ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined;
 - (b) ensuring that the head teacher performs his or her responsibilities for the educational performance of the school; and
 - (c) ensuring the sound, proper and effective use of the school’s financial resources.
- (2) In exercising their functions the governing body shall—
- (a) act with integrity, objectivity and honesty and in the best interests of the school; and
 - (b) be open about the decisions they make and the actions they take and in particular shall be prepared to explain their decisions and actions to interested parties.
- (3) The governing body must appoint a clerk with a view to ensuring their efficient functioning and must have regard to advice from the clerk as to the nature of the governing body’s functions.
- (4) The head teacher’s responsibilities include—
- (a) the internal organisation, management and control of the school; and
 - (b) the educational performance of the school.
- (5) The head teacher is accountable to the governing body for the performance of all his or her responsibilities.
- (6) The head teacher must comply with any reasonable direction of the governing body.
- (7) In this regulation the term “governing body” includes the temporary governing body of a new school.