

CORPORATION CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

This Code has been adopted by the Corporation to set standards of conduct and accountability which are expected of Governors in carrying out their duties and in their relationship with the Governing Body and Principal as the Chief Executive. Each Governor agrees to adhere to this Code on acceptance of appointment.

A governor should:

- Observe the provisions of the College's Instrument and Articles of Government, and, in particular, the five responsibilities placed on the Corporation.
- Work co-operatively with other governors in the best interests of the College;
- Acknowledge that differences of opinion may arise in discussion but, when a majority decision of the governing body prevails, it should be supported;
- Base his or her view on matters before the Corporation on an honest assessment of the available facts, unbiased by partisan views;
- Make no statements to the press or media or at any public meeting relating to the proceedings of the Governing Body or its committees without first having obtained the approval of the Chairman or, in his or her absence, the Vice Chairman.
- Recognise that an individual governor does not have the right, to make statements or express opinions on behalf of governors; unless specifically delegated by the Corporation or the Chairman to do so.
- Resist any temptation or outside pressure to use the position of governor to benefit himself or herself or other individuals or agencies;
- Declare openly and immediately any direct or indirect personal conflict of interest arising from a matter before the governors or from any other aspect of governorship; including financial interest;
- Respect the confidentiality of those items of business which the governing body decides from time to time should remain confidential;
- Take or seek opportunities to enhance his or her effectiveness as a governor through participation in training and development programmes and by increasing his or her own knowledge of the College;
- Give priority, as far as practicable, to attendance at meetings of the governing body and its committees;
- Refuse to accept gifts, hospitality or benefits of any kind from a third party which might be seen to compromise their personal judgement or integrity. Any such offer should immediately be reported to the Clerk.
- Observe the duties set out in the Financial Regulations.
- Abide by the seven principles of public life laid down by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Nolan) Committee for those holding public office.