Who can serve as a school governor?

Anyone over 18 years of age can serve as a governor, but the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 provides some exceptions. *You will not be eligible to become a governor or continue to hold office as a governor if any of the following statements apply to you:*

1. I am intending to apply for an additional governor position at the school at which I am already a governor;
2. I am already a governor at two schools;
3. I am the governing body clerk at the school for which I am applying;
4. I have been disqualified to serve as a governor at the school for which I am applying during the last 12 months for non-attendance;
5. I am subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or an interim order;
6. I have had my estate sequestrated and the sequestration order has not been discharged, annulled or rescinded;
7. I am subject to:
   - A disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
   - A disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
   - A disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
   - An order made under section 492(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a County Court Administration Order)
8. I have been removed from the office of charity trustees or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 from participating in the management or control of any body;
9. I am included in the list of people whose employment is prohibited or restricted under Section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999;
10. I am disqualified from working with children or am the subject of a direction by the Welsh Government under section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
11. I have been disqualified from being the proprietor of an independent school;
12. I have received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
13. I have received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
14. I have at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more;
15. I have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
16. I refuse a request at anytime by a governing body to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a Disclosure and Barring Certificate (DBS Check) formerly known as CRB Check.

If you would like to discuss your eligibility further please contact Governor Support Services on 029 2087 2912 or email governor.services@cardiff.gov.uk