

Department of Education, the Education Authority and (in the case of a Catholic Maintained School) the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools. Consideration must also be given to the findings of any inspection of the school.

- (h) **Pupil Discipline** - the board of governors shall ensure that policies designed to promote good behaviour and discipline on the part of its pupils are pursued at the school and to make, and from time to time review, a written statement of general principles.
- (i) **Pupil Suspension and Expulsion** - the board of governors shall ensure that a scheme prepared by the Education Authority, specifying the procedure to be followed in relation to the suspension or expulsion of pupils from the school and ensure that such a scheme is implemented when necessary. The board of governors shall also assist the principal in such a manner as is reasonably necessary to enable him/her to control the internal organisation, management and discipline of the school and provide the principal with such opportunity as may be necessary to enable him/her to express his/her opinion and to make his/her recommendations to the board of governors on all matters connected with the school.

The above responsibilities are extensive. As all governors give of their time voluntarily it is appropriate that in fulfilling the main responsibilities boards of governors delegate responsibility to the principal and the senior management team of the school for the completion of much of the work. Boards of governors receive the support, training, advice and guidance from officers of the Education Authority.

Useful Reference: Every School a Good School (ESaGS) at
www.deni.gov.uk