

## DfE governance guides

### Two new DfE governance guides replace the governance handbook

The Department for Education (DfE) has published 2 new governance guides, to replace the governance handbook:

- [Maintained schools governance guide](#)
- [Academy trust governance guide](#)

There are no new requirements for governors or trustees, so your board does not need to do anything right now, except to:

- make sure everyone on your board is aware of, and can access, the right guide for your school type
- remove any copies of, or reference to, the previous governance handbook in your board's files and documents including induction materials.

### Statutory policies for schools and academy trusts

The list of statutory policies that schools and academies must have, has now been incorporated into the relevant governance guides. Non-statutory policies are not included.

**Reminder** - boards remain accountable for these documents, and the policies and procedures contained within them.

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