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| Tue, 26 Jan 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | IPDS1 | Webinar |

Introduction to the Primary Curriculum

Build a foundation of knowledge about the current curriculum and the role that governors should play. This course will support governors to develop an overview of the key stage 1 and 2 national curriculum.

Delegates will consider:

- The key objectives of the curriculum and explore what is meant by the term a 'broad and balanced curriculum'
 - How the curriculum is assessed at the end of key stage 1 and 2 and consider how the assessment information generated within the school and by statutory assessments drives teaching and learning in a school
 - Pupils' prior learning in the foundation stage and how the primary curriculum supports pupils moving onto secondary school.
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Newly appointed governors and those joining a Teaching and Learning or Curriculum Committee for the first time may like to attend this course alongside anyone wishing to ensure the curriculum is understood on their board.

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| Wed, 24 Mar 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 08-04 | Webinar |

Annual Governor Conference

The BEP Annual Governors Conference aims to inspire and motivate and remind governors why they do what they do. Boards purchasing our full package (GovernorHub, Advice and Training) are offered free places subject to availability. All other boards are invited to purchase places at £25 per place.

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| Fri, 18 Jun 2021 | 9:30 | 13:00 | HZWS4 | Webinar |

Chairs Knowledge Forum

A practical forum designed to help Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Governors tackle case studies and scenarios which they might face in the future. Built on a foundation of real-life situations, drawn from the experience of the Governor Services team, you will be able to discuss possible approaches openly and confidentially with your peers.

- Learn about successful approaches and possible pitfalls when dealing with sensitive or unique issues
- Work with other Chairs of Governors from across the region on specific scenarios, in order to develop peer networks
- Return to your role with greater confidence
- Gain clarity on the different channels available to you, where you might find ongoing support and advice

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| Tue, 27 Apr 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 06-02 | tbc |

Chairs' Termly Strategic Briefing

A termly strategic briefing that will keep you up to date and moving forward.

- expert speakers on the latest hot topics in governance
- local governors sharing their views on best practice
- hear about new initiatives and ideas for your board

Chairs, Heads or their representatives from all boards are welcome to attend. This is a free event.

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| Fri, 5 Mar 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | CTSB3 | Webinar |
| Fri, 28 May 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | CTSB3 | tbc |

Child Protection & Safeguarding for Governors

Understand the role for ALL governors in keeping children safe from harm

- Guidance on legislation and statutory responsibilities
- Understand the role of the governing board in dealing with matters relating to child protection
- Build an understanding of the role of the child protection governor

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| Wed, 20 Jan 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | CHP3 | Webinar |
| Wed, 10 Mar 2021 | 18:30 | 18:30 | CHP4 | Webinar |
| Tue, 11 May 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | CHP5 | tbc |
| Wed, 9 Jun 2021 | 18:30 | 20:30 | CHP6 | tbc |

Clerks' Briefings

Information and support for new and experienced Clerks

First Half of term

Open to clerks from schools buying into our Advice & Resources package.

These briefings, held at school venues from 9.30am - 11.30am will ensure your clerk is up to date with changes in legislation and the items needed to be covered by forthcoming agendas.

Second Half of term

Open to ALL CLERKS (and anyone regularly clerking/taking minutes)

These briefings, held at school venues from 9.30am - 11.30am will provide advice, guidance, the opportunity to network with other local clerks and share best practice

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| Thu, 14 Jan 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 07-09 | Zoom |
| Wed, 17 Mar 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 07-10 | Zoom |
| Thu, 29 Apr 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 07-11 | The Potting Shed Café, Heritage House School, Cameron Road, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 3BP |
| Thu, 8 Jul 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 07-12 | The Potting Shed Café, Heritage House School, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 3BP |

Development Governors' Forum

Understand how to enable your governors to become skilled and knowledgeable in order to drive and deliver the work of the Governing Board. Local and national updates for experienced Development Governors about the opportunities available for their Governing Boards

- Be informed about current and new courses on offer, including e-learning and whole Governing Board training opportunities
- Plan and consider your Governing Board's development requirements with the Governor Services Team, in line with the Competency Framework for Governance
- Understand how Governor Hub can support your schools' body of evidence
- Discuss topical matters which relate to the Development Governor's role and share good practice with fellow Development Governors
- Be clearer about reporting on a termly basis to the Governing Board and share good practices in keeping records and identifying needs
- Feel confident about promoting courses to governors, including e-learning

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| Thu, 6 May 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 04-04 | The Potting Shed Cafe, Heritage House School, Cameron Road, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 3BP |

Effective Governor Visits

Governor visits are an important way for governors to get to know their school. They form an important element of the governing board's strategic monitoring role. This course will help you:

- Recognise the key elements of an effective governors visit
- Understand how to maintain a strategic outlook when undertaking visits to your school
- Identify good practice when reporting back to your Governing Board and following up on actions identified

New Governors, those wishing to refresh their knowledge or those wishing to gain a new perspective are welcome to attend

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| Mon, 14 Jun 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 12-04 | tbc |

GDPR for Governors

Understand the principles of GDPR and how they apply to schools

- What a GDPR compliant school looks like
- The Role of the Governing Board in monitoring GDPR compliance
- The Role of the Data Protection Governor

This course is suitable for all governors, but may be of particular interest to new governors or to those who have taken on the role of Data Protection Governor.

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| Tue, 9 Feb 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 16-03 | Webinar |

Handling Complaints

This session will inform governors about their role in the process of handling complaints, should they arise.

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|------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Thu, 21 Jan 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | HC1 | Webinar |
| Tue, 6 Jul 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 6U7GH | tbc |

Headteacher Performance Management

Clarify your knowledge of the Governing Board's role in holding the school to account for the performance of all staff, including the Headteacher, and in linking pay to progression

- Understand how an embedded performance management process across the whole school can provide governors with evaluative information
- Grasp the use of Teachers' Standards and the link between performance and pay to better challenge your school
- Have a holistic view of your school and the role of the headteacher in order to undertake their performance management review

This course is particularly suitable for Performance Management Governors.

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| Wed, 30 Jun 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 13-04 | tbc |

Introduction to Governance

Carrying out induction is vital for all new governors. We offer this course in webinar and face to face format; they cover the same material but are both available to suit governor preference and availability. The webinar format is carried out over three hour long modules (9.30am-10.30am, 11.00am - 12.00pm and 12.30pm-1.30pm; the face to face is a day course - 9.30am-2.30pm).

This course covers:

The Core Functions of Governance

- explaining the three core functions of governance
- developing understanding of the strategic role of the Governing Board
- signposting to key governance documents and frameworks
- exploring what makes governance effective

Setting Strategic Direction

- exploring the nature of vision, ethos and values the importance of these in strategic planning
- explaining the key documents and frameworks most commonly used to plan and monitor
- discussing the reporting cycle and what governors can expect from executive leaders
- developing understanding of effective challenge and support

Governance In Practice

- exploring governance structures
- discussing governor roles and signposting to relevant resources
- developing understanding of effective governor visits
- highlighting the tools and resources available to governors to effectively fulfil their roles

Some comments from governors that have attended ...

“Enlightening! “Knowing this support system is available to us, is reassuring”.

Carla Martin – Governor - Buckingham Park

“Very informative and supportive and the trainers had excellent knowledge”

Victoria White – Bledlow Ridge School

“As a new Governor, all of the content was relevant to me. I particularly appreciated the sign-posting to future reading/courses and the opportunity to hear perspectives from other participants”

Lisa Dodgshon – Governor - Tylers Green Middle School

“If all the training provided is done in such a way as today by being so engaging and knowledgeable then I don’t think there’d much more you can do!”

Victoria White – Bledlow Ridge School

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| Thu, 11 Feb 2021 | 9:30 | 14:30 | 01-09 | Webinar |
| Tue, 23 Mar 2021 | 9:30 | 14:30 | 01-12 | Webinar |
| Thu, 10 Jun 2021 | 9:30 | 14:30 | 01-10 | Booker Park School, Stoke Leys Close, Kynaston Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 3ET |

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| Tue, 9 Mar 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 14-05 | Webinar |
| Thu, 3 Jun 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 14-06 | tbc |

Mental Health and Well-Being

Review your Governor responsibilities around the issues of Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Relevant legislation and current issues facing governors
- Explore the Strategic Role of the Governing Board and the impact that you could have on your School
- Consider how you as a Governor can and should get involved
 - Working strategically rather than operationally
 - Holding schools to account by working in partnership
 - Sharing and debating best practice

Comments from governors that have attended this course

"I found it an excellent course with a wealth of knowledge delivered by the trainer. It was also comforting to hear how much schools are already doing but of course the point of the course was to reinforce the role of our Governors. The message delivered was clear"

Clare Prescott-Pounds – Elangeni Sxschool

"Very comprehensive context and it was delivered well".

Victoria White – Bledlow Ridge School

"A new (for me) topic for Governor Training, with an interesting experience - and research-led approach"

Peter Lerner – Lane End Primary School and member of BASG

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| Wed, 23 Jun 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 10-04 | tbc |

Ofsted: A Governors Guide

Understand the latest Ofsted framework and the Governing Board's role in school inspections

- Clearer understanding of the most recent Framework and implications for governors
- Gain perspective on what 'Outstanding' looks like
- Understand how to support and challenge in key areas (e.g. performance management and pupil premium / closing the gap)
- Use knowledge gained to improve your monitoring and evaluation procedures
- Feel more confident about preparing for an inspection and the expectations of your role

Some comments from governors that have attended this course ...

"It was informative, interesting and kept me engaged"

Gillian Davies - The Buckinghamshire Primary Pupil Referral Unit / Ivingswood Academy

"Good steers as to what inspectors expect from governors"

Sue Walton – Chair Hawridge and Cholesbury C of E School

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Reducing and Managing Allegations Against Staff

This course is designed to assist headteachers, chairs and vice chairs of governors in dealing effectively with allegations against staff and promoting safe working practice by school staff, thereby reducing the risk of allegations of inappropriate conduct and harm to children. This course is recommended for headteachers, chair and vice chair of governors.

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| Mon, 21 Jun 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 2AU6F | Webinar |

Role of the SEND Governor

Understand your role as SEND governor

- Updates on SEND best practice
- Updates on local and national issues relevant to the SEND governor role
- Benefit from the opportunity to share good practice with other SEND governors

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| Thu, 1 Jul 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 28-02 | tbc |

Safer Recruitment

This nationally accredited safer recruitment course is suitable for all governors of schools and academies. It is suitable for those that have had no previous safer recruitment training and is based on the Safer Recruitment Consortium national programme.

Delegates will gain;

- An understanding of the safer recruitment process
- Recognition as a safer recruiter
- A certificate to confirm 5 year accreditation as a safer recruiter

The session will:

Raise aware of the Bichard Enquiry Report and the safer recruitment framework

- Look at data / trends in schools / academies incidents of abuse
- Look at safer recruitment processes and policies
- Provide an opportunity to go through the recruitment process

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| Tue, 2 Feb 2021 | 9:30 | 14:30 | CQF5X | Webinar |

Strategic Role of the Governing Board

It is important that Governing Boards understand their role as strategic leaders and how this should successfully work with the operational leadership of the school senior leadership team.

This course explores how strong governance is a key part of a successful school/MAT.

- Be clearer about what effective governance looks like
- Improve your understanding of working strategically, rather than operationally, with consideration to legislation and best practice
- A great opportunity to raise questions and share good practice with other governors

Suitable for all governors

Some comments from governors that attended this course...

"It was great to hear of the experiences of other new governors and those of experienced governors. I now have a greater understanding of the role of a school governor and how I can better support my school in my role".

Stephen J Baker – Governor at Dorney School

"Very clear overview of what is needed and how to go about tackling what can be an overwhelming item for the board".

Sue Jollands – Chair of Highcrest Academy

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| Tue, 19 Jan 2021 | 19:00 | 21:00 | 09-04 | Webinar |

Understanding Pupil Premium

Understand Pupil Premium funding how you can support your school in closing the achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers

- A clear understanding of what the pupil premium is, including the service premium, and which pupils are eligible
 - Better understand the links between best practice in the use of the Pupil Premium and successful school improvement
 - Explore what Ofsted expects from School Leaders and Governors, including Pupil Premium Reviews
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- Feel more confident about implications for governors and your next steps
- Outline the reporting requirements

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Vision and Values

This course is suitable for all governors, both new or experienced, and will explore:

- the nature of school values, vision, ethos and culture
- the role of the Governing Board in the creation and review of vision and values
- the importance of collecting stakeholder input and suggested methodologies for this
- practical suggestions for running a vision and values project

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| Tue, 18 May 2021 | 9:30 | 11:30 | 27-01 | tbc |