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Thu, 27 Jan 2022	19:00	21:00	OAO00	tbc

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.

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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Thu, 4 Nov 2021	9:30	11:30	UHHUR	Webinar
Wed, 30 Mar 2022	19:00	21:00	YSV9S	Webinar

Agenda Setting and Minute Taking for Clerks

This course will look at best practice in agenda setting and minute taking and has been created in line with the DfE's 'Clerking Competency Framework 2017'. It is suitable for newer or less experienced Clerks who wish to improve their practice or more experienced Clerks as refresher training.

This course will include the following:

the role and duties of the Clerk to the Governors

how to prepare, draft and finalise agendas to support efficient meetings

best practice in minute taking – structure, language and tone

recording challenge effectively

dealing with confidential information

recording decisions

approval processes

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 7 Dec 2021	9:30	11:30	ZZ6DQ	tbc

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.

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Fri, 20 May 2022	9:30	12:45	TNOAQ	Webinar

Chairs Induction

Clear and practical guidance on the Chairs' specific remit of leading and managing the work of the Governing Board and an overview of the support available to you

Feel more confident about the roles and responsibilities of an effective chair, especially in supporting the Governing Board to drive school improvement

Practical guidance to assist you in planning the work across the year

Establish valuable networks with other chairs and share best practice/gain perspective on your role

In 19-20 our Chair's described this course as ...

"Liaising with other chairs and learning about ways to handle the role"

Moira Keane – Chair - St Michael's Catholic School

"Meeting other chairs and feeling not alone"

Christine Moretto - Chair – St Peter's Catholic Primary School

"The networking was, as always, very informative and the table sections were a great way to remind oneself that each school is an individual in respect to problems, staff, pupils and general setting"

Robert Buttery – Chair - Stoke Mandeville

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Tue, 9 Nov 2021	9:30	12:30	8NIU3	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, 5 Apr 2022	19:00	21:00	G975I	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 allboards are welcome to attend. This is a free event.

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Fri, 12 Nov 2021	9:30	11:30	CTSB4	Webinar
Fri, 11 Mar 2022	9:30	11:30	CTSB5	Webinar
Fri, 24 Jun 2022	9:30	11:30	2ZT9B	Webinar

Child Protection & Safeguarding for Governors

Understand Governing Board responsibilities for Safeguarding Children in Schools

Understand the key guidance and legislation that define responsibilities in this area

Explore the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE)

Consider the structures that Governing Boards must have in place to ensure that safeguarding duties are discharged effectively

Build understanding of the Role of the Safeguarding / Child Protection Governor

Understand policies and procedures that should be in place and how these can be monitored

Understand the principles of Safer Recruitment and the role of the Governing Board in this area

Consider updated guidance on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in Schools and College and the processes and procedures that should be in place as a result of this.

Governors will be signposted to documents, crib sheets, audit tools and model during the course to further develop understanding in this area and support for effective governance.

This course is suitable for both new and experienced governors. We recommend that newly appointed / elected governors complete this course as soon as possible after election / appointment and that safeguarding training is refreshed every 2 years.

Some comments from governors that attended this course...

The trainer's "experience and knowledge were incredibly valuable and appreciated" - Kirsten Snook, Governor - The John Hampden School

I liked the "depth of content and documentation, plus real world examples" - Daniel Mason, Governor - Holmer Green First School and Pre School

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Wed, 20 Oct 2021	9:30	11:30	CHP7	Webinar
Thu, 25 Nov 2021	19:00	21:00	CHP8	Webinar
Wed, 26 Jan 2022	9:30	11:30	CHP9	Tbc
Mon, 7 Mar 2022	19:00	21:00	CHP10	tbc
Tue, 10 May 2022	9:30	11:30	CHP11	tbc
Mon, 27 Jun 2022	19:00	21:00	CHP12	tbc

Clerking Exclusion Hearings

This course will cover the role of the clerk and governors in permanent and fixed term exclusions.

What the school must comply with

What takes place before, during and after a hearing

Independent Review Panels

Case studies

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Tue, 24 May 2022	9:30	11:30	ESWFI	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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Tue, 23 Nov 2021	9:30	11:00	W0F3U	tbc

Tue, 18 Jan 2022	9:30	11:00	T09FA	tbc
Thu, 17 Mar 2022	9:30	11:00	4D2Q3	tbc
Tue, 3 May 2022	9:30	11:00	32GHQ	tbc
Thu, 7 Jul 2022	9:30	11:00	BQ7Q8	tbc

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, 21 Oct 2021	9:30	11:30	ZWTWN	Webinar
Thu, 12 May 2022	9:30	11:30	SLA5P	tbc

Effective Challenge and Accountability

Explore how Governing Boards can professionally and appropriately support their school's senior leadership team in delivering their strategic priorities

Understand the importance of developing positive relationships and trust between the Governing Board and school staff

Understand what effective challenge is and how this can be used to move things forwards

Learn how to get the balance right between supporting, challenging and holding the leadership team to account

Some comments about this course from our governors ...

"Good insight and ideas on how to better challenge the school in a more effective way".

David Montague – Millbrook combined School

"As a new governor it was a great insight into the role and responsibilities of governors"

Stephen Whelan – Manor Farm Community Infant School

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Wed, 1 Dec 2021	9:30	11:30	33C7F	Webinar

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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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Fri, 3 Dec 2021	9:30	11:30	VUWY8	Webinar
Mon, 16 May 2022	19:00	21:00	78GQB	tbc

Equalities : The Role of the Governing Board

Understand what "equality" means in an education context and build knowledge and confidence in how to support the school and Governing Board in fulfilling their statutory duties

Understand the role of the Equality/Diversity Governor

Explore Ofsted guidance on 'showing due regard' in relation to Equalities

Discuss and share your Single Equality Schemes, current objectives and actions

Feel better informed about the development of the legislative process

Improve your action planning

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Tue, 1 Feb 2022	9:30	11:30	WZEKF	Webinar

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, 8 Feb 2022	9:30	11:30	HAHAX	TBC

Getting The Most Out of GovernorHub

An open forum for all governors
confirm the basics and explore the more advanced features of the GovernorHub platform
focus on particular areas to ensure you get the most out of GovernorHub
bring your questions and talk to your peers about how they use GovernorHub
pass on your views for development

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Fri, 8 Oct 2021	9:30	11:00	7PBV4	Webinar

Governor Roles and Responsibilities (WGB Training Session)

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 14 Oct 2021	16:00	18:00	Brookmead WGB	Brookmead School

Handling Complaints

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

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 20 Jan 2022	9:30	11:30	WCH1E	TBC
Tue, 28 Jun 2022	9:30	11:30	US0H8	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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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 28 Sep 2021	9:30	11:30	QZWJU	Webinar
Tue, 28 Jun 2022	19:00	21:00	VG8ZI	Webinar

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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Tue, 12 Oct 2021	9:30	13:30	QYYP	Webinar
Thu, 18 Nov 2021	9:30	14:30	N18GF	Webinar
Thu, 10 Feb 2022	9:30	14:30	FERBI	tbc
Tue, 22 Mar 2022	9:30	14:30	QVU85	tbc
Thu, 9 Jun 2022	9:30	14:30	94PRM	tbc

Introduction to Performance Data (Primary)

Understand how governors hold schools to account for the educational performance of their school and its pupils

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Learn about the national systems which report on school performance

Inform the process of school self-evaluation

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Wed, 17 Nov 2021	9:30	11:30	FUJ97	Webinar
Wed, 2 Mar 2022	9:30	11:30	DJXPM	tbc
Tue, 14 Jun 2022	19:00	21:00	LVQ1U	tbc

Mental Health and Well-Being : The Role of the Governing Board

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 Sxhool

"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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Thu, 17 Feb 2022	19:00	21:00	N7ZTW	tbc
Thu, 16 Jun 2022	9:30	11:30	BFD46	tbc

Ofsted (Whole Board Training Session)

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Mon, 4 Oct 2021	19:00	21:00	WGB Bledlow Ridge	Bledlow Ridge School (Virtual)

Ofsted: A Governors Guide

Understand the Education Inspection Framework and the role of the Governing Board in school inspections
Understand the inspection process and implications for governors

Consider the four key judgement areas 'Quality of Education', 'Behaviour and Attitudes', 'Personal Development' and 'Leadership and Management' and what inspectors will be looking for evidence of when visiting your school

Explore understanding of 'Intent, Implementation and Impact'

Understand current priorities and likely areas of challenge or questioning

Discuss what inspectors may be looking for in the Governing Boards 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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Mon, 18 Oct 2021	19:00	21:00	10BW1	Webinar
Fri, 26 Nov 2021	9:30	11:30	7C76Y	Webinar
Tue, 15 Mar 2022	9:30	11:30	T2OSW	Webinar

Pay and Performance : The Role of Governors

This course will cover the role of Governing Boards in pay and performance decisions.

- The structures the Governing Board should have in place to fulfil it's responsibilities in this area.
 - The legislation and guidance that governors should be aware of to effectively complete and scrutinise pay and performance processes and decisions
 - Questions governors should ask to effectively challenge and satisfy themselves that decisions are fair and justified
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Wed, 6 Oct 2021	9:30	10:30	5OKHH	Webinar

Pupil Exclusions: The Role of the Governing Board

Understand the role of governors in the Pupil Exclusion process,
Understand the legal processes involved, the role and responsibilities of the local authority and the Independent Review Panel (IRP)

Be sure of your roles and responsibilities as a governor

Feel more confident about participating in pupil exclusion committees and appeals panels

Suitable for all governors.

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Wed, 27 Apr 2022	9:30	11:30	S0QUK	Webinar

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

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Mon, 29 Nov 2021	19:00	21:00	Y7NGO	Webinar
Wed, 22 Jun 2022	19:00	21:00	XM7P8	Webinar

Risk Management

This course supports governors to understand key concepts, principles and techniques relating to management of risk, to identify different types and sources of possible risks and explore what makes a good risk register, including risk identification, their impact, appropriate countermeasures, and contingencies and

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Thu, 3 Mar 2022	9:30	11:30	7V17F	TBC

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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Wed, 6 Jul 2022	9:30	11:30	FLQR3	Webinar

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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Fri, 5 Nov 2021	9:30	14:30	AB6W0	Webinar
Fri, 6 May 2022	9:30	14:30	OL2TW	tbc

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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Thu, 14 Oct 2021	9:30	11:30	D77OE	Webinar
Thu, 3 Feb 2022	19:00	21:00	RACF1	tbc

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

Feel more confident about implications for governors and your next steps

Outline the reporting requirements

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Wed, 16 Feb 2022	9:30	11:30	COEUS	Webinar

Vision, Values and Strategy

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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Wed, 30 Mar 2022	9:30	11:30	79FYB	Webinar
