

# GOVERNOR TRAINING SESSIONS SPRING TERM 2020



Date, Time & Venue	Training Session	Course Details
<p><b>Wednesday 15 January</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p><b>Thursday 12 February</b> <b>5.00-7.00pm</b> Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Induction for New Governors</b></p>	<p>Induction training is mandatory for all newly appointed governors. This course provides an extensive introduction to school governance and the role of governors covering all the areas specified by Welsh Government under the prescribed Regulations.</p> <p><b>Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion.</b></p> <p><b>Trainer: Central South Consortium staff</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p><b>Tuesday 31 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Understanding School Performance Data</b></p>	<p>Data training is mandatory for all newly appointed and re-appointed governors. This course will explain how your Challenge Adviser will inform you as governors about your school data profile, target setting, value added performance, teacher assessment, pupil progress at Key Stages 1,2 &amp; 3 and self evaluation. It will explain how self reflection and professional challenge within schools can be improved through the use of this data and the benefits of robust target setting leading to improved learner outcomes and wellbeing.</p> <p><b>Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion.</b></p> <p><b>Trainer: Central South Consortium staff</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 4 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Challenge &amp; Support</b></p>	<p>The Critical Friend aspect is one of the most important parts of the role of a governor, yet it can also be one of the most difficult to accomplish. This course will look at the different ways that governors can provide Challenge and Support. We will use the new Estyn Framework as a guide, as well as providing practical advice and examples of good practice to help governors in this vital role.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Central South Consortium staff</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 10 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Pupil Exclusions</b></p>	<p>This course will provide an introduction to explain the methods of managing exclusion and give an overview of the relevant procedures. It aims to raise awareness of the legislation in this area and the impact of pupil behaviour on the rest of the school. It will also focus on the governing body's role in managing exclusion. It will be particularly useful to those governors on pupil discipline and exclusion committees and any governors who have an interest in this area</p> <p><b>Trainers: Jane Werrett, Complex Cases Manager, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 26 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Internet Safety</b></p>	<p>This training will provide governors with a background understanding of Internet safety, along with the implications this can have within the school environment. The course will have the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brief overview of Internet safety;</li> <li>● Discussion of 360o Safe Review Tool and current position within the local authority along with links to Estyn inspections;</li> <li>● Identify responsibilities for Internet safety within schools, looking at policies in place, confirmation of reviews, ways of holding schools to account and questions to ask of your school's senior leadership team; and</li> <li>● Discussion of further resources available to schools and inform of future training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trainer: Peter Williams, Vale Youth Service, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 5 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Finance/School Budgets</b></p>	<p>This course is aimed at all those governors who are members of their governing body's finance committee and it will provide an overview of school and education funding. Specific areas to be covered include an analysis of the school budget formula, interpretation of financial information, preparation and monitoring of the school budget, the financial framework and financial reporting. Although it is most relevant for governors who are finance committee members all governors with an interest in this key area are also welcome to attend</p> <p><b>Trainer: Nicola Monckton, Finance Manager, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 9 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Safeguarding Children and Child Protection</b></p>	<p>The Education Act 2002 creates a statutory requirement for school governing bodies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.</p> <p>The Wales Safeguarding Procedures including Keeping Learners Safe set out the responsibilities of everyone who has concerns about the welfare of a child, including the responsibility to ensure that concerns are referred to social services or the police. This training will explore the legislative and guidance framework for safeguarding children, in order to promote clarity and consistency of practice and common standards in all schools.</p> <p>The session will set out the role and responsibilities of school staff, including the role of the designated Safeguarding governor, in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and protecting individual children from abuse and neglect.</p> <p>Course content will include information relating to risk factors for children, definitions and indicators of abuse and neglect, current themes in child protection, identifying significant harm, acting on suspicions, making referrals and the child protection process.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Annemarie McKay, Safeguarding Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b></p>

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<b>Wednesday 18 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry	<b>Performance Management for Headteachers</b>	There is a new regional policy for performance management of teachers including Headteachers. This training session is intended for governors who sit on the Headteacher performance management panel and aims to ensure that the role of that panel is clear and will support the professional development of the Headteacher.  <b>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff</b>
<b>Thursday 19 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Pencoed Comprehensive School, Coychurch Road, Bridgend CF35 5LZ	<b>Central South Consortium Spring Briefing Session</b>	Further information on this session will be circulated when available.  <b>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff</b>
<b>Monday 23 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	<b>Pupil Voice</b>	The aim of this course is to help governors to gain the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to support the development of effective pupil participation linked to Estyn's Common Inspection Framework, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015). The training will cover relevant legislation, explain the Vale of Glamorgan Council bi-annual school council audit and explore how to implement pupil voice in a school setting.  <b>Trainer: Ve Van der Voorde, Youth Wellbeing Officer and Alex Thomas, Rights Ambassadors Project Worker, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b>
<b>Thursday 26 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	<b>Chair Training</b>	This training session will support Chairs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● have the required knowledge and understanding to fulfil their role effectively to support school improvement, raise standards of performance, ensure pupils' wellbeing and improve the quality of education provided;</li> <li>● develop and enhance their understanding of the role of an effective Chair in leading the governing body;</li> <li>● enhance their confidence and leadership skills and their ability to develop effective relationships with their Headteacher, enabling them to offer both challenge and support to the school;</li> <li>● be aware of national and local educational issues and their impact on governing bodies; and</li> <li>● recognise the importance of training and the need to develop their skills and those of the governor body and take advantage of other training opportunities available to them.</li> </ul> <b>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff and experienced Chairs</b>

## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT REGISTERING FOR GOVERNOR TRAINING COURSES

Please ensure you register for all courses that you wish to attend. Registration enables us to make all the necessary catering, seating and copying arrangements for each training session. It also ensures that we are able to contact all attendees in advance in the rare event that a course is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Please register by emailing us at [governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or by ringing **01446 709107 (direct line)**. All emails will be acknowledged and you will also receive a reminder email 7-10 days before each course.

**Thank you for your support.**

## HOW TO BOOK

 **EMAIL** your training bookings direct to [governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)  
 or **RING** the Governor Support Unit on **01446 709107 (direct line)**.

### FUTURE TRAINING COURSES

If you have any ideas or requests for future governor training sessions please email them to: [governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) for consideration.