GOVERNOR TRAINING SESSIONS SPRING TERM 2018



Date, Time & Venue	Training Session	Course Details
Tuesday 23 January 6,00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry Tuesday 27 February 6.00-8.00pm Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry Tuesday 13 March 5.00-7.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Induction for New Governors	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. Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion. Trainer: Central South Consortium staff
Monday 19 March 5.00-7.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ	Induction for New Governors - Welsh	
Tuesday 30 January 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry Wednesday 7 March 5.00-7.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry Tuesday 20 March 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Understanding School Performance Data	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 & 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. Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion. Trainer: Central South Consortium staff
Wednesday 31 January 5.00-7.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ	Understanding School Performance Data - Welsh	
Thursday 1 February 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)	This training will provide school governors with information about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), an international convention that sets out the rights of children. Governors will increase their knowledge of the rights of children and young people; and familiarise them with the duties that schools have if enabling children and young people to access their rights. The training will also include information about the newly revised National Participation Standards for Children and Young People and the role of the Children's Commissioner for Wales. Trainer: Ve Van der Voode, Youth Participation Officer and Geraint Evans, Youth Action Worker/Rights Ambassadors Project Worker
Monday 12 February 5.00-7.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ	Chair Training	 This training session will support Chairs to: 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; develop and enhance their understanding of the role of an effective Chair in leading the governing body; 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; be aware of national and local educational issues and their impact on governing bodies; and 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. Trainers: Central South Consortium staff
Thursday 15 February 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Redundancy	This course will cover the role of the governing body within the Council's recommended Redundancy policy. It aims to fully familiarise governors with the recommended Redundancy policy and procedures. It is particularly relevant for governors who are members of the staff disciplinary and dismissal and disciplinary and dismissal appeals committees as well as the finance committee. Trainer: Sue Alderman, Principal HR Business Partner
Wednesday 14 March 4.00-6.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ	Performance Management of Headteachers	This briefing session will cover all aspects of the process and governors who are members of the appraisal panel for the performance management of the Headteacher should attend so that they have a clear understanding of their performance management role and responsibilities in order to fulfil them effectively. The objectives of the training are for governors to: Understand the requirements of the regulations and how to implement them effectively; Review the role of the performance management process in raising standards in your school; Review how performance management becomes embedded in the broad context of the improvement process of the school; and Review the operation of the performance management process including the roles and responsibilities of those involved. Trainers: Central South Consortium staff

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Thursday 15 March 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Safeguarding Children and Child Protection	The Education Act 2002 creates a statutory requirement for school governing bodies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008 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. 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. 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. Dorian Davies, Safeguarding Officer, School Improvement and Inclusion
Thursday 22 March 6.00-8.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ	Estyn briefing on the new Inspection Framework	Education in Wales is changing and so is Estyn's approach to inspection. The new inspection framework will support improvement by only focusing on the most important areas that help learners achieve. The changes to inspections took effect from September 2017 and apply to all schools and work-based learning. This important workshop will cover the New Inspection Framework, with a specific focus on how it will affect governors and what Estyn would consider good practice for governing bodies. There will also be time for a short Q&A session. Following this there will be a session based around effective Challenge and Support. There will be discussion on the Critical Friend role and how best the governing body can both perform and evidence it. This is an excellent opportunity for Governors to ensure they are up to date with the latest Estyn developments. Liz Counsell, HMI, Estyn
Monday 26 March 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	PREVENT	Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into effect on 01 July 2015. This section of the Act places a statutory duty on schools to "have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Prevent is one of four strands of the government's counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Being drawn into terrorism includes not just violent extremism but also non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and popularise views which terrorists exploit. This course will include a Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) and will make governors aware of school responsibilities and the training that staff need to give them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas. It will also inform where and how to refer children and young people for further help. Trainers: Dorian Davies, Safeguarding Officer

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 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



(a) EMAIL your training bookings direct to 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 for consideration.