

# GOVERNOR TRAINING SESSIONS SPRING TERM 2019



Date, Time & Venue	Training Session	Course Details
<p><b>Monday 14 January</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN</p>	<p><b>Chair Training</b></p>	<p>This training session will support Chairs to:</p> <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> <p><b>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff and experienced Chairs</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 29 January</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p><b>Thursday 14 March</b> <b>5.00-7.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, 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 13 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p><b>Thursday 28 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, 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 19 February</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN</p>	<p><b>ALN Bill Briefing</b></p>	<p>In January 2018 the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act received Royal Assent alongside a mandatory timeline for implementation. Implementation of the new system will commence in September 2020 with completion expected by the end of 2023.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is supporting the transformation of the new system through five key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislation and statutory guidance</b></li> <li>• <b>Workforce development</b></li> <li>• <b>Implementation and transition support</b></li> <li>• <b>Awareness raising</b></li> <li>• <b>Supporting policy</b></li> </ul> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for governors to develop their understanding of the implications of the ALNET Act for schools and local authorities and what progress has been made within the region against the five key themes.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Liz Jones, Additional Learning Needs Transformation Lead, Central South Consortium</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 6 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Redundancy Procedures</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Sue Alderman, Principal HR Business Partner</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 7 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN</p>	<p><b>Performance Management of Headteachers</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Central South Consortium Staff</b></p>



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<p><b>Wednesday 13 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>Internet Safety Awareness</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>Tuesday 19 March</b> <b>6.00-8.00pm</b> Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p><b>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Trainer: Ve Van der Voode, Youth Participation Officer and Alex Thomas, Youth Action Worker/Rights Ambassadors Project Worker</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 11 April</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 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.</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. 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>Dorian Davies, Safeguarding Officer, School Improvement and Inclusion</b></p>

## 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.