

Vale of Glamorgan Governor Training Summer Term 2026



<p>Induction</p> <p>Tuesday 12th May 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>This revised mandatory module is aimed at new governors and must be completed within the first year of appointment It will help new governors gain the required knowledge and understanding to begin to fulfil their role effectively to support their school in raising standards.</p> <p>The training session will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the school vision shapes values across the school community and drive a culture of high expectations • The key roles and responsibilities of governors • The composition of governing bodies and how they work • Effective challenge and support.
<p>Data</p> <p>Thursday 4th June 16:00-17:30</p>	<p>This updated mandatory module for new governors aims to develop an understanding of school progress and performance data.</p> <p>The session explores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The type of data used by schools and the role data plays in school improvement • How data can be used by governors to challenge and support the school to improve • How governors are accountable for the progress made by all groups of learners how this data is gathered and used by their schools • The type of questions governors can ask about their own schools data
<p>Pupil Exclusions</p> <p>Wednesday 20th May 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>This course will provide an introduction to explain the methods of managing exclusions and give an overview of the relevant procedures. Its aim is to raise awareness of the legislation in this area such as the Public Sector Equality Act, protected characteristics and disability discrimination law and Welsh Government guidance on exclusions, processes and timeframes.</p> <p>It also looks at preventative and proactive steps that can be taken to prevent exclusions. They will be a spotlight on the governing body's role in managing exclusions, with a focus on PDC meetings, so 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>Headteacher Performance Management</p> <p>Wednesday 10th June 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>This session is aimed at governors who carry out professional development review of headteachers. It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on the recommendations and updates following the Welsh Government's Professional Development Review (March 2024) • focus on ensuring governors have the knowledge, understanding and skills to undertake this specific role • allow all parties involved in Professional Development reviews to have the confidence to ensure the system is supportive and robust
<p>Pastoral Support Plans (PSP's)</p>	<p>The Pastoral Support Plan (PSP) in Wales is designed to support students facing barriers to education, aiming to improve their social, emotional, and academic outcomes. The PSP is a</p>

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<p>Wednesday 17th June 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>short term (6-8 weeks), school-based, child-centred approach aimed at helping children and young people (CYP) who encounter challenges such as poor attendance, behavioural issues, or academic difficulties.</p> <p>The plan serves as an early intervention tool to prevent exclusion from school and to support students in achieving better educational outcomes.</p> <p>The aims of this training are to support governors to be confident to understand the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are Pastoral Support Plans? • What is Flexi-learning? • What is the underlying legislation? • When could a Pastoral Support Plan operate in the interests of the child? • When could a flexi-learning plan operate in the interests of the child? • What to expect from the LA officers?
<p>Education Update and Briefing Session</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>Open to all Governors, an opportunity to receive education updates on three topical issues from Senior Colleagues in the Learning and skills department in the Vale of Glamorgan.</p>
<p>Inspection</p> <p>Thursday 2nd July 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>This session aims to support Chairs and Vice Chairs of Governors to effectively share their school's work for inspection. It will explain the inspection process and the role of governors within the process.</p>
<p>Information Governance</p> <p>Monday 6th July 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>Information Governance affects many aspects of work within a school. The discussion will focus on the Data Protection Act and obligations under the Act, this will include consideration of governance arrangements, handling and sharing personal data, issues around subject requests, considerations around data breaches, which will include briefly, consideration of cyber security type issues and other requests for information, such as those under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>The course is aimed to provide an overview in these areas to ensure that Governors are aware of obligations within these areas. This area is regulated by the Information Commissioners Office, and they have wide ranging powers. They expect accountability to be transparent and evident at senior levels of all organisations, they also expect Data Protection training to be undertaken at a minimum every 2 years. This training is particularly relevant to governors of those schools that have undergone a Council Audit where it has been recommended that Governors should attend data protection training.</p>
<p>Designated Safeguarding Governors (DSG's)</p> <p>Wednesday 8th July 17:30-19:00</p>	<p>It is Vale Policy that all Designated Safeguarding Governors (DSGs) renew their training bi-annually. This course covers the expectation of the role, provides an understanding of the Keeping Learners Safe (KLS) Toolkit and itemises how to evidence accountability to Estyn for the quality and effectiveness of how safe the school is by updating and improving the school's safeguarding policy and procedures.</p>

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Calendar of training

Date	Time	Session
Tue 12 May	5.30-7.00pm	Induction
Thu 4 June	4.00-5.30pm	Data
Wed 20 May	5.30-7.00pm	Pupil Exclusions
Mon 25 May		Half Term week
Wed 10 June	5.30-7.00pm	Headteacher Performance Management
Wed 17 June	5.30-7.00pm	Pastoral Support Plans
Wed 24 June	5.30-7.00pm	Education, Update and Briefing Session
Thur 2 July	5.30-7.00pm	Inspection
Mon 6 July	5:30-7:00pm	Information Governance
Wed 8 July	5.30-7.00pm	DSG's