

Governor Services Online Training Schedule Term 1 – Autumn Term 2020

Please find below details of our online courses for Term 1 of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Our online sessions will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join the training will be sent to you prior to the course taking place.

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You can apply for a place on any course listed in this programme by contacting:

Integra Schools, Governor Services

Telephone: 01454 863182

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If e-mailing your booking, please remember to include your telephone number and the name of your Governing Board.

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We are now able to deliver a number of courses online via Microsoft Teams, please check the course calendar to see the sessions that are currently ...

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New Governors' Handbook

We are pleased to publish our handbook for new governors to support a school-based induction into the role. It can be found on our website by clicking on 'Policies, ...

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Governor Training and Development

Moving forward into the summer term and beyond it is our training that has required the greatest rethink. We have built a strong reputation for providing high quality ...

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Chairing Committees Effectively

This session will enhance Governor's knowledge, confidence and skills in leading the work of a committee. It will explore the key elements of the statutory regulations relating to the meetings and proceedings of committees. Committee chairs will consider how they manage meetings, ensure diligent decision making and explore the skills required to effectively manage and lead a team of Governors.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Thursday 1 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 8:00pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/055
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Chairs' Network

This meeting provides an opportunity to share experiences, learn with and from others with discussions focused around topical issues, legislative updates and new guidance.

We do ask that you submit any agenda items for discussion prior to the course to Governor.Services@southglos.gov.uk.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Wednesday 14 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm – 7:30pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/059
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Clerking Effectively – An Introduction

All academy trusts and maintained schools must appoint a clerk to their Governing Board as set out in their articles of association or in regulations, as appropriate. A professional clerk works in partnership with the chair to keep the board focused on its core strategic priorities, provides independent expert advice and guidance to the board on its duties and functions and delivers administrative support that makes everything work smoothly.

This session will define the purpose, power and responsibilities of clerks and how they can develop strategies to effectively manage their work in supporting the Governing Board. Clerks will explore the legislative framework in which Governing Boards operate and identify best practice to ensure good quality clerking is achieved. Good clerking is a major contributing factor to effective governance and therefore school improvement.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Tuesday 29 September 2020
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Time	10:00am - 11:30am
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Course Code	CLER/20/054
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Clerks' Network

This meeting provides an opportunity to share experiences, learn with and from others with discussions focused around topical issues, legislative updates and new guidance.

We do ask that you submit any agenda items for discussion prior to the course to Governor.Services@southglos.gov.uk.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Monday 19 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Course Code	CLER/20/060
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Driving School Improvement – The Governor's Role (Session 1 – Vision – Setting Strategic Direction)

Governors have a crucial part to play in driving school improvement. Ensuring clarity of vision and strategic direction is one of the three core functions of a Governing Board.

This session will support you to consider how the school's vision guides the school's overarching strategy.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Monday 5 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/056
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Driving School Improvement – The Governor's Role (Session 2 – Effective Self-Evaluation)

Governors have a crucial part to play in driving school improvement, self-evaluation helps a school assess their strengths and weakness and identify key school improvement priorities. Governors need to be confident that self-evaluation is rigorous and comprehensive and identifies clear priorities for development.

This session explores how Governors should assure themselves that the self-evaluation is accurate and comprehensive, based on their own research, analysis and triangulation of evidence.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Tuesday 13 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/057
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Driving School Improvement – The Governor’s Role (Session 3 – The Improvement /Development Plan)

Governors have a crucial part to play in driving school improvement; an effective school improvement plan is prepared once the school has completed thorough self-evaluation.

This session explores the Governing Board’s role in scrutinising the improvement plan to ensure it is complete, fully costed, based on self-evaluation and in line with the school’s strategic direction and how Governors can develop and carry out the monitoring of the plan.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Thursday 22 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/058
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ELS Governor Briefing - Virtual Governor Briefing on Key LA Updates

These briefings are designed to support your work as an effective Governing Board. Briefings will highlight emerging themes in respect of Ofsted Inspections, national and local challenges, new initiatives and responsibilities in respect of Governing Boards.

The content of each briefing will reflect the key issues that schools in South Gloucestershire are facing. Providing an opportunity to talk through issues with senior school improvement practitioners, as well as others facing similar challenges.

We hope that you will encourage at least one Governor from your Governing Board to book a place on these briefings.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Monday 12 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/062
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Mental Health and Wellbeing: Supporting School Communities to Repair and Recover Post Covid-19 Lockdown

This course provides Governors with an update on how the Local Authority is working together to ensure mental health is at the forefront as schools open fully from September 2020. Course content will include information about key public health messages to promote whole school wellbeing, information on local mental health support and online learning opportunities, and include public health updates on the prevention and control of the spread of infection from Covid-19.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Tuesday 8 September 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 8:00pm
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Course Code	GOV/20/064
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New Governor Induction

The session will explore the three core functions of the Governing Board: setting the strategic direction; holding school leaders to account and ensuring sound and effective use of resources. Exploring what this means in practice and how Governors can work together to maximise the impact for pupils in the school. It will focus on how to get to know the school and explain how Governors access and use appropriate information to actively participate in school improvement.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#) for 11 September 2020 and [here](#) for 7 October 2020.

Date	Friday 11 September 2020	Date	Wednesday 7 October 2020
Time	9:30am - 11:00am	Time	6:30pm - 8:00pm
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Performance Management for Headteachers - The Governor's Role

One of the core functions of school governance is to *'hold the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff'* (Governance Handbook 2019). Headteacher performance appraisal is part of this process and has been a legal requirement for over 15 years. However, recent research conducted by the NGA identified that despite the Appraisal Regulations, introduced in 2012, some Governing Boards are following elements of historic practice.

This course provides information and practical guidance to support Governors in conducting an effective, robust and meaningful headteacher appraisal.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Wednesday 23 September 2020
Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Course Code	GOV/20/063

Returning to School - The Recovery Curriculum 2020

The local authority has been planning for all children to return to school. Part of this planning process is known as the 'recovery curriculum'. The vision for our recovery curriculum is 'Creating the culture to enable voices of all stakeholders to be truly heard, needs to be accurately identified and through a creative, collective collaboration, effectively met.' The social and emotional wellbeing of all young people will be at the core of all we do to enable children and young people to thrive and flourish as they return to school.

The recovery curriculum will compliment each school's curriculum offer, providing a wealth of resources to support school leaders in reintegrating children back into school.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Thursday 17 September 2020
Time	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Course Code	GOV/20/061

Safeguarding in Schools - An Introduction for Governors

This course is suitable for those new to the Governor role and/or those who have received little or no safeguarding training previously.

This course covers the latest guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board for safeguarding children and young people in schools. Governors will receive an update of both guidance and legislation, including information about local arrangements for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. Governors will consider all aspects of child protection including key terms, definitions and components of child protection work.

Further details about this session can be found [here](#).

Date	Thursday 15 October 2020
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Time	6:30pm - 8:00pm
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