

Vale of Glamorgan Governor Training

Autumn Term 2026



Induction There are NO governor induction courses running this term. Dates will be available to book for this course in the new year.	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. The training session will focus on: • 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.
Data Tuesday 24th November 17:30-19:00	This updated mandatory module for new governors aims to develop an understanding of school progress and performance data. The session explores: • 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
Headteacher Performance Management Wednesday 21st October 17:30-19:00	This session is aimed at governors who carry out professional development review of headteachers. It will: • 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

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Education Update and Briefing Session Tuesday 1 st December 17:30-19:00	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.
Inspection Tuesday 10 th November 17:30-19:00	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.
Designated Safeguarding Governors (DSG's) Wednesday 2 nd December 17:30-18:30	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.
New Chair Tuesday 8 th December 17:30-19:00	This is a mandatory course for new chairs of governors. It will ensure that the chairperson has the required knowledge and understanding to begin to fulfil their role effectively to support their school in raising standards and carrying out its statutory functions. The programme provides an introduction on: • The role and skills of the chairperson • Key relationships • How to be an effective chairperson This session is also an opportunity for you to raise any questions arising from the training, your role as a chairperson and to share your experiences to date.
Disciplinary Procedures Wednesday 4 th November 17:30-19:00	The purpose of this briefing session is to: • provide an overview of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's School Disciplinary Procedures that all governing bodies should have adopted; • remind governors of the principles of a fair process; and • clarify roles and responsibilities of Headteachers and governors in the disciplinary process <i>This course is particularly relevant to all governors on the staff disciplinary and dismissal and disciplinary and dismissal appeals committees of the governing body.</i>
VAWDASV (Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence) Tuesday 17 th November 17:30-19:00	This session provides an introduction to the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Whole Education Approach and explores how education settings can help prevent abuse, support those affected, and promote safe, equal and respectful relationships. The session will be co-delivered by Rebecca Lane, VAWDASV - Vale, and Emily Disbray, STORI. Important: The session includes discussion of domestic abuse, sexual violence and other

	forms of violence and abuse. Some participants may find the content distressing. Support is available through organisational wellbeing arrangements and the Live Fear Free Helpline (0808 80 10 800) , which is free and available 24 hours a day.
ALN Wednesday 11 th November 17:30-19:00	This training will provide governors with an overview of the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Act and the key responsibilities of governing bodies in supporting learners with ALN. It will cover the process for deciding whether a learner has ALN, the differences between school-based and Local Authority-based Individual Development Plans (IDPs), and the processes involved where an IDP is not created, including parents' rights to reconsideration. The session will also explore the role and responsibilities of the ALN Governor, including current ALN developments, the potential impact of changes in legislation, and the implications for school budgets, staffing and provision. Governors will also be signposted to appropriate sources of support and guidance when ALN matters or concerns are brought to the governing body.
Exclusions and Pupil Disciplinary Committees (PDCS) Wednesday 18 th November 17:30-19:00	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. 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.

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Calendar of training

Date	Time	Session
Wed 21 Oct	5.30-7.00pm	Heads' Professional Development Review
Mon 26 Oct		Half Term week
Wed 4 Nov	5.30-7.00pm	Disciplinary Procedures
Tue 10 Nov	5.30-7.00pm	Inspection
Wed 11 Nov	5:30-7:00pm	Additional Learning Needs (ALN)
Tue 17 Nov	5.30-7.00pm	VAWDASV (Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence)
Wed 18 Nov	5.30-7.00pm	Exclusions and Pupil Disciplinary Committees (PDCs)
Tue 24 Nov	5.30-7.00pm	Data
Tue 1 Dec	5.30-7.00pm	Education, Update and Briefing Session
Wed 2 Dec	5.30-6.30pm	DSGs (Designated Safeguarding Governors)
Tue 8 Dec	5:30-7:00pm	New Chairs