

BESST Governor Training – Schedule to Easter 2023

The role of the governing board in overseeing SEND (£25 per person)

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Governor plays a vital role in ensuring that SEND stays on the governing body agenda and provides a link between the governing body , its committees and the staff in relation to SEND .

The training will look at the core responsibilities of the SEND Governor and also their role during Ofsted inspections. The course is presented by Christine Preston, Buckinghamshire Council SEND Area Team Manager.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the responsibilities of the Governing Board with regard to SEND
 - Understand the role of the SEND Governor and what to expect in an Ofsted inspection
 - Know where to find additional resources and tools to support you as an SEND Governor
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Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 15 Nov 2022	18:30	19:30	Nov 22 - SEND MS Teams	

Embedding Equality and Diversity in Your School (£25 per person)

This course will support your understanding of the role of the Governing Body and specifically the Equalities/ Diversity Governor. We will explore the equality issues that could impact on your school and the Ofsted guidance on 'showing due regard' in relation to Equalities through a whole school approach. School Improvement Manager at Buckinghamshire Council, Yvette Thomas will provide Equality Governors with the most recent guidance for schools.

Outcomes:

- . Be more confident in fulfilling equality duties
 - . Able to improve their action planning
 - . Have a better understanding of your duty under the legislation
 - . Be able to link Equalities duty with SMSC, PSHE/ Citizenship, British Values and Community Cohesion.
- Promoting equality and avoiding discrimination, supports the key educational agenda of improving attainment and progression for all pupils, opening up opportunities and increasing the chance of a successful life for every child.
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Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 17 Nov 2022	18:30	19:30	Nov 22 - Embedding Equality & Diversity	MS Teams

Championing high quality PSHE - The role of the PSHE Governor (£25 per person)

PSHE provides a safe space where pupils can raise issues and concerns and explore the complexities of the world around them. It teaches pupils the knowledge and skills to live healthy and successful lives, and contributes to keeping pupils safe by giving them the knowledge and skills to recognise abusive relationships, poor health choices and be able to seek help when needed.

Join Buckinghamshire expert, Carol Stottor (Public Health PSHE Lead), to hear details of the statutory provision of RSE and PSHE in the curriculum and the role of the PSHE / RSHE governor. The course will cover Ofsted expectations, good questions for governors to ask and signpost useful documents.

This session is suitable for primary and secondary school governors.

Outcomes:

- . Understand terminology associated with PSHE / RSHE
- . Understand the importance of PSHE / RSHE in keeping children safe and the role governors play
- . Signposting to questions for governors and useful resources

Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 22 Nov 2022	18:30	19:30	Nov 22 - Championing high quality PSHE	MS Teams
Thu, 9 Mar 2023	18:30	19:30	Mar 23 - Championing high quality PSHE	MS Teams

Getting the most out of your governor monitoring visits (£25 per person)

If you are a new governor, or a governor who would like to get more out of your governor visits, this session is for you. An experienced Chair of Governors will talk you through what to think about before your governor visit, what to expect when you are in school and things to consider after your visit to make sure your governing work has lasting impact.

Outcomes

- . Build your confidence in knowing what to expect from a governor visit
- . Understand how to prepare effectively for governor visits
- . Be aware of the importance of recording your visits to maximise and demonstrate its impact

Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 29 Nov 2022	18:30	19:30	Nov 22 - Getting the most out of your governor visits	MS Teams

Financial Accountability for Maintained Schools (£25 per person)

The Schools Financial Value Statement (SFVS) is an assessment form for Local Authority (LA) maintained schools made up of a checklist and self- assessment dashboard. It's an annual mandatory return. Completion of the assessment aims to help your school manage its finances and provide assurance to Buckinghamshire Council that you have effective financial management in place.

The course, delivered by Cheryl Stead, the Schools Financial Management Advisor at Buckinghamshire Council, will support you in reviewing the SFVS checklist and interpreting the key metrics from the dashboard.

Outcomes

- An understanding of the purpose of the SFVS
- Developing a clear and consistent approach to reviewing the SFVS
- Understanding the underlying messages from key metrics

Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 1 Dec 2022	18:30	19:30	Dec 22 - Fin Acc	MS Teams

Internet Safety - Keeping Children Safe Online (£25 per person)

All governors are encouraged to join Alison Watts, Prevent Officer, for this session which covers new and emerging technologies that children and young people use, the potential risks they may face and easy technical and lifestyle solutions which can be employed to help keep children and young people safe in education. This session is relevant to all governors and especially those with responsibility for safeguarding.

Outcomes:

- Develop your understanding in the technologies that pupils and students are using
- Learn how schools can keep children and young people safe online
- Be signposted to a range of useful and practical resources

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 6 Dec 2022	18:30	19:30	Nov 22 - Internet Safety - KCSIE	MS Teams

Building effective relationships with your school leadership team (£25 per person)

The relationship between governors and the school leadership team is crucial to effective leadership and management. If you are a new Chair or a governor struggling to build open and effective relationships with your headteacher or senior leaders, this course is for you. Join Buckinghamshire Council School Improvement Advisor, Ros Burch for practical tips and troubleshooting to help you strengthen your relationship building.

Please note that whilst you are encouraged to ask questions and advice, this is not an appropriate forum to raise individual sensitive or confidential issues between governors and school leaders. Please seek individual guidance on such matters from your School Improvement or HR providers.

Outcomes

- . Understand good practice in building effective relationships between governors and school leaders
- . Receive advice on managing difficulties in relationships between governors and school leaders
- . Signposting additional support and resources

Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 12 Jan 2023	18:30	19:30	Jan 23 - Building Relations	MS Teams

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Overseeing Educational Visits, the governors' role (£25 per person)

As increasing numbers of schools return to educational visits (school trips) following the pandemic, it is important for governors to understand their role in the approval process. Buckinghamshire Council Educational Visits Manager, Mike Harwin, will provide up-to-date information regarding school trips and an overview of the Buckinghamshire Council policies concerning educational visits.

Outcomes:

Understand the role of the School Governor in the approval process of educational visits
Understand Buckinghamshire Council's policies concerning educational visits
Raise Governor awareness of educational visits and issues of responsibility and accountability.

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 19 Jan 2023	18:30	19:30	Jan 23 - Ed Visits	MS Teams

Allegations - A guide for governors (£25 per person)

Led by the Buckinghamshire Council LADO Service Manager, this training session will enable delegates to understand the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and the referral process. You will learn more about your role and responsibilities where there are concerns about someone who works with children and feel confident about what should and need not be referred to the LADO.

Outcomes:

Understand the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
Learn more about your role and responsibilities where there are concerns about someone who works with children
Feel confident about what should and need not be referred to the LADO

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 31 Jan 2023	18:30	19:30	Jan 23 - Allegations	MS Teams

Appointing an Executive Leader (£25 per person)

Recruiting a headteacher is arguably one of the most important tasks a governing board will undertake. Research suggests that school leadership is second only to classroom teaching as an influence on pupil learning, and leaders improve teaching and learning indirectly and most powerfully through their influence on staff motivation, commitment and working conditions. It is therefore essential for boards to have recruitment processes in place that will enable them to attract and recruit the right executive leader for their school. Boards need to be alert to the circumstances in which they are recruiting and ensure that they are well equipped to select an excellent candidate who will successfully convey the boards vision for the school leading to excellent outcomes for pupils.

Outcomes

- . Understand how to implement a recruitment and selection process that will enable your school to attract and recruit the right executive leader for your school
- . Understand the law regarding the recruitment of a headteacher
- . Signposting to useful tools and resources to support governing boards in recruiting and selecting a headteacher

Sessions

Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Thu, 2 Feb 2023	18:30	19:30	Feb 23 - Appointing an Exec Leader	MS Teams

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Being Strategic, What Good Governance Looks Like (£25 per person)

Join this session as part of the New Governor Welcome package, or as a stand alone course. Experienced Chairs and representatives of the Bucks Association for School Governors, Paul Randall (BASG Chair) and Anne Sheddick (BASG Vice Chair), will provide an introduction for new governors on the crucial strategic role that governors play in supporting schools and holding them to account.

Outcomes:

- . Hear up-to-date guidance on statutory duties for Governing Boards and the most recent legislation.
- . Understand the role of the governing board in ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding executive leaders to account; and overseeing financial performance of the school.
- . Know where to find information and resources to support you as you grow in your new role as a school governor

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 7 Feb 2023	18:30	19:30	Feb 23 - Being Strategic, What	MS Teams

Trauma Informed and Attachment Aware Schools (Free)

Trauma and the impact on child development

This is an introduction to 'Trauma Informed and Attachment Aware' approaches in schools. This session will explain how trauma and attachment difficulties impact on child development and how this can lead to neurological and societal barriers for learning and healthy social functioning. It will also provide guidance on how schools can take a whole school approach to supporting these children and young people, improving outcomes for this vulnerable cohort, while benefiting the whole school community.

Aims:

- Review outcomes for our vulnerable children and young people nationally.
- Understand the different attachment styles and how they may present in behaviours which challenge.
- Understand how the brain develops, the impact of trauma on this process and how this can create barriers for learning and social functioning.
- Explore some Trauma Informed and Attachment Aware approaches at work via a case study.
- Raise awareness of the support Buckinghamshire Virtual School currently offers schools and other professionals as part of the extended duty to all children with social workers.

Speakers:

Vicky Carrick-Lynch (Assistant Head of the Virtual School responsible for children with social workers)
Maria Seth (Liaison officer for the Virtual School in Post Order and Adoption)

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 21 Feb 2023	18:30	19:30	Feb 23 Trauma	MS Teams

Exclusions and Reintegration - A governor's guide (£50 per person)

Led by members of the Exclusions and Re-integration team, this session talks you through your responsibilities as governors with regards to exclusions from school. This is in line with the '2017 Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion.'

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 28 Feb 2023	18:30	20:45	Feb 23 - Exclusions and Reintegration	MS Teams

Governor Drop In for New Governors (Free)

Join this informal session as part of the New Governor Welcome package, or as a stand alone session. This session will be an interactive opportunity for new governors to meet other governors from across Bucks, ask any burning questions and share tips you have picked up. Experienced Chairs and representatives of the Bucks Association of School Governors, Paul Randall (BASG Chair) and Anne Sheddick (BASG Vice Chair) will facilitate and share their advice and learnings from their own experiences.

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Thu, 23 Feb 2023	18:30	19:30	Feb 23 - New Governor Drop In	MS Teams

Safeguarding in Schools - An Introduction for Governors (Free)

This free session is essential learning for new governors, and is also relevant to those more experienced governors who wish to refresh their knowledge of safeguarding in schools. Our School Improvement Advisor and local expert on safeguarding in Bucks schools, Georgina Masefield, will provide an overview of the Governor's role in safeguarding within schools.

Outcomes

. The guidance provided will help Governors to be able to ensure the safeguarding systems in their schools are robust and follow government guidelines.

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Thu, 2 Mar 2023	18:30	19:30	Mar 23 - Safeguarding in Schools - an introduction for governors	MS Teams

Preparing for an Ofsted Inspection – a guide for Bucks governors (£25 per person)

Join Buckinghamshire Council School Improvement Advisors to hear insights from recent Ofsted inspections across Buckinghamshire schools, the latest Ofsted framework and our discussions with our local HMI. Whether your school is expecting an inspection this year or not, this session will help all governors to learn from the key strengths and weaknesses identified in recent local inspections.

Outcomes:

- . Understand the governors' role and responsibilities in planning for and during an Ofsted inspection.
- . Understand what inspectors look for in an inspection.
- . Learn how to identify potential issues in advance, plan effectively and be prepared on the day.
- . Apply the lessons learned from other recent local inspections to your own schools' context

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Date	Start	End	Code	Venue
Tue, 21 Mar 2023	18:30	19:30	Mar 23 - Preparing for an Ofsted Inspection	MS Teams

Setting the culture, values and ethos for your school (£25 per person)

Ros Burch (School Improvement Adviser, coach and former headteacher) will talk from personal experience about the role of governors and school leaders in defining the culture, values and ethos of a school. This session will help you to understand the importance of values, culture and ethos of your school in achieving your strategic vision and the role of the governing board.

Whether you are new to school governance or an experienced governor, this course will give you knowledge and tools to help you in setting a clear vision, bringing it to life through culture, values and ethos and monitoring progress.

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Thu, 23 Mar 2023	18:30	19:30	Mar 23 - Culture	MS Teams

About BESST

BESST is the traded school improvement and governor support service from Buckinghamshire Council. Led by our experienced team, BESST services will enable school leaders to keep up to date and support the implementation of best practice across Buckinghamshire. Our services will continue to develop in the coming months based on feedback from school leaders and governors.



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