



Local Authority Governor Training Autumn Term 2020

UPDATED: Keeping Children Safe in Education, Tuesday 15th September 2020 (free of charge)

Delivered by Joanna Conway, Education Safeguarding Officer

Revised guidance comes into force from 1st September 2020 and governors will receive details of the changes in order to understand the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in safeguarding. This is an excellent opportunity for governors to ensure they are up to date, including the processes and support in place as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak

Darlington School Governor Briefing, Wednesday 16th September 6.00 to 7.30pm (free of charge)

Hosted by Cllr. Jon Clarke and Helen Ellison, Head of Education Partnerships

Governors will receive updates on local and national education and governance developments, the Local Authority papers for Governing Body meetings, governor training information and provide the opportunity for governors to have open discussions on topical issues affecting Darlington schools.

NEW: Understanding School Exclusion and Elective Home Education, Thursday 1st October 2020

Delivered by Dianne Gage, Lead Inclusion Officer and Angie Ritchie, EHE Advisor

Behaviour is a form of communication and disruptive behaviour can also be a sign of unmet need. Statutory guidance for exclusion and dealing with attendance issues can be tricky to navigate and it is vital governors have a clear understanding of processes and who is responsible for ensuring the best outcomes for our children and young people. In this session we will look at how the behaviour policy and the ethos of the school underpin these outcomes and how we can support both students who struggle with boundaries and staff dealing with incidents in a positive and graduated way.

UPDATED: Induction training for new governors, Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd October, 6.00 to 7.30pm

Delivered by Val Rayner, Assistant Principal, Hummersknott Academy

This popular course is an ideal introduction for newly appointed Governors and covers the 3 core strategic functions of the Governing Body delivered over 3 separate evenings.

NEW: Statutory RSE and Health Education, Tuesday 13th October 2020

Delivered by Catherine Shaw, Relationships and Sexual Health Coordinator

The new curriculum for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education is mandatory from September 2020. Following the lockdown, it is anticipated that there may need to be a bigger focus on the health and welling of pupils. Governors will hear from the Local Authority's RSE coordinator on how we can all work together to support pupils as the new curriculum is implemented.

UPDATED: SEND and Inclusion, Wednesday 4th November 2020

Delivered by Anne Astbury, SEND Inclusion Advisor

This course covers the role and responsibilities of the SEND Governor to support governors in understanding their statutory responsibilities in relation to SEN. It will reinforce and develop governors' understanding of SEN and clarify governors' role in monitoring, evaluating and providing appropriate challenge for SEN in their school to ensure inclusion in the classroom.

NEW: KS1 and KS2 assessments in 2020-21, Thursday 26th November 2020

Delivered by Debbie Patterson, Early Years and Primary Advisory Teacher

This new course will provide an overview of what is covered during the KS1 and KS2 assessments, what the arrangements are and how the results are reported. (Please note that this course is subject to change as it is dependent on government policy)

Due to the current situation, sessions will initially be delivered via Microsoft Teams during autumn and will be reviewed depending on the situation and government guidance. All courses are offered with the option to attend at either 1.00 to 2.30pm or 6.00 to 7.30pm. The only exception to this is the induction training, which will be delivered in the evening only. Our courses will include the latest information on the Covid-19 outbreak and how schools and Local Authority teams are supporting children through the situation. If your school has not purchased our annual training service, courses can be accessed on a pay as you go basis at £70 per governor per course attended.

For more information and to book a place please contact jenny.dellipiani@darlington.gov.uk or call 01325 405810.