

## Local Authority Governor Training Spring 2021

### **Darlington School Governor Briefing, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 6.00 to 7.30pm (free of charge)**

Hosted by Tony Murphy, Head of Education and Inclusion and Helen Ellison, Head of Education Partnerships and attended by Cllr. Jon Clark, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

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: Preparing for Ofsted Inspections, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Delivered by Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead, Newcastle City Council

Ofsted inspections are due to resume in January 2021. This course will remind governors what to expect during an inspection and their accountability and involvement. Governors will develop their understanding of the inspection process and how they need to prepare, by holding leaders to account. It will also cover how inspections may be affected by the current covid-19 outbreak.

### **NEW: The Gypsy Roma Traveller Community in our schools, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Delivered by Selina Costello, Traveller Education and Achievement Service (TEAS), Rydal Academy

Travellers have historically been excluded from education. Although, now most Traveller children attend schools, Ofsted has noted that they are a group most at risk of underachievement in the education system. This new course looks at the the Gypsy Roma Traveller community in Darlington, explores the barriers to education that they face and provides an overview of the support available to schools from the TEAS.

### **NEW: Statutory RSE and Health Education, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Delivered by Catherine Shaw, Relationships and Sexual Health Coordinator

The new curriculum for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education will be mandatory from the summer term 2021. 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.

### **NEW: Early Years Foundation Stage, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Delivered by Jaci Stroud and Kirsty Macmillan, Early Years Advisory Teachers

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework sets the standards for the learning, development and care of all children from birth to 5 years old and is going through a period of change. This new course will provide governors with an overview of the statutory framework, what schools must have in place and will cover the revisions to the framework including changes to statutory assessments.

### **UPDATED: Four easy steps to effective governance, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

Delivered by Julia Millard, National Leader of Governance

Effective governance is key in driving school improvement and fulfilling our statutory responsibilities, but there is so much to do and so little time. This course gives a new perspective on how to decide what is important and how to do it well.

### **NEW: Understanding School Exclusion and Elective Home Education, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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: Keeping children safe in education, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021, (free of charge)**

Delivered by Joanna Conway, Education Safeguarding Officer

An opportunity to keep up to date with the latest guidance to understand the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in safeguarding. Governors will be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to monitor the effectiveness and

impact of safeguarding arrangements in school, including the processes and support in place as a result of the covid-19 outbreak.

Due to the current situation, sessions may be delivered via Microsoft Teams or face to face 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. 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](mailto:jenny.dellipiani@darlington.gov.uk) or call 01325 405810.



## Local Authority Governor Training Summer 2021

**UPDATED: Governor support and challenge, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Delivered by Julia Millard, National Leader of Governance

Governors are told by the DfE that they need to support and challenge senior leaders to carry out their three core functions. But what do support and challenge look like? What questions should governors ask? How does context and circumstance affect support and challenge? How do governors know when they have done it correctly? This session will address all these issues and give governors a framework for their conversations and actions in school.

**Darlington School Governor Briefing, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 6.00 to 7.30pm (free of charge)**

Hosted by Tony Murphy, Head of Education and Inclusion and Helen Ellison, Head of Education Partnerships and attended by Cllr. Jon Clark, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

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.

**UPDATED: Induction training for new governors, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 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.

**UPDATED: Keeping children safe in education, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (free of charge)**

Delivered by Joanna Conway, Education Safeguarding Officer

An opportunity to keep up to date with the latest guidance to understand the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in safeguarding. Governors will be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to monitor the effectiveness and impact of safeguarding arrangements in school, including the processes and support in place as a result of the covid-19 outbreak

**NEW: Pupil Premium Funding, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Delivered by Vanessa Housley

This new course will reinforce and increase understanding of Governors' statutory responsibilities in relation to Pupil Premium, clarifying Governors' role in monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the use of Pupil Premium funding. The course will also look at the Pupil Premium Toolkit.

**NEW: School finance explained, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Delivered by Wendy Pattison

This new course will be an interactive session including an overview of financial governance in schools and academies allowing governors and trustees to understand the financial aspects of their roles, and their responsibilities as guardians of public funding.

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