

We are delighted to provide governors in Darlington with our new comprehensive training programme. In addition to covering core areas and induction, we are pleased to introduce new courses to this year's programme. All our training is offered with choice of attending from 1.00 to 2.30pm or 6.00 to 7.30pm on the same date unless otherwise stated. Access to all our courses is available to governors from schools who have purchased our annual training programme. If your school has not purchased our annual training programme, courses can be accessed on a pay as you go basis at £72 per governor per course attended. Please discuss with your school before booking.

Termly briefings and core training

Each term our programme includes a briefing for all governors and courses on Ofsted inspections, induction for new governors and keeping children safe in education and details of these are below.

Darlington School Governor Briefing

Wednesday 21st April, Wednesday 12th January and Wednesday 4th May, 6.00 to 7.30pm

Hosted by Tony Murphy, Assistant Director 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.

Preparing for Ofsted Inspections

Thursday 30th September, Wednesday 19th January, and Tuesday 3rd May

Ofsted inspections are due to resume in autumn 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 ongoing covid-19 outbreak.

Induction for New Governors

Wednesday 10th November, Tuesday 15th February, and Thursday 9th June, 5.30 to 7.30pm

This **new** 2-hour session is an excellent opportunity for newly appointed governors to develop an understanding of their role, how governing bodies work and aims to provide governors with knowledge, skills, and confidence.

Keeping Children Safe in Education

Tuesday 23rd November, Tuesday 15th March, and Tuesday 28th June

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.

Autumn 2021		
Autumn Term Governor Briefing (free of charge)	Tuesday 14th September, 6.00 to 7.30pm	Tony Murphy Assistant Director Education and inclusion
NEW: Early Years Framework; an overview for governors	Wednesday 22nd September	Debbie Patterson, Primary and Early Years Advisory Teacher
Preparing for Ofsted inspections	Thursday 30th September	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
NEW: A governors' guide to Looked After Children	Wednesday 6th October	Calvin Kipling Virtual School Headteacher for Looked After Children
Induction for new governors	Wednesday 10th November, 5.30 to 7.30pm	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
Keeping Children Safe in Education (free of charge)	Tuesday 23rd November	Joanna Conway Education Safeguarding Officer

NEW: Early Years Framework; an overview for governors

The Early Years Framework sets the standards for the learning, development and care of all children from birth to 5 years old. This course will provide governors with an overview of the statutory framework, what schools must have in place and will cover the recent revisions to the framework.

NEW: A Governor's Guide to Looked After Children

The course will provide governors with an understanding of the background and issues for Looked After Children (LAC) in the education system, the statutory responsibilities required of schools and what is expected of the governing body.

Spring 2022

Spring Term Governor Briefing (free of charge)	Wednesday 12th January, 6.00 to 7.30pm	Tony Murphy Assistant Director Education and Inclusion
Preparing for Ofsted inspections	Wednesday 19th January	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
NEW: Governor visits to schools	Tuesday 8th February, 1.00 to 2.30pm Thursday 10th February, 6.00 to 7.30pm	Lucy Emerson, School and Governor Support Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Induction for new governors	Tuesday 15th February, 5.30 to 7.30pm	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
Keeping Children Safe in Education (free of charge)	Tuesday 15th March	Joanna Conway Education Safeguarding Officer
NEW: Supporting Year 6 to 7 Transition	Tuesday 5th April	Debbie Patterson Primary and Early Years Advisory Teacher

NEW: Governor Visits to Schools

The governance handbook states that governors must know their school if accountability is going to be robust and their vision for the school is to be achieved. A key way for governors to do this is through school visits. This new course will guide governors through how to ensure their visits are purposeful and focused and what do to before, during and afterwards.

NEW: Supporting Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Transition from primary to secondary school is an important milestone in the lives of children and families. This new course will provide an overview of the Darlington transition programme and how schools and the local authority work together collaboratively to support children and families.

Summer 2022

Preparing for Ofsted inspection	Tuesday 3rd May	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
Summer Term Governor Briefing (free of charge)	Wednesday 4th May, 6.00 to 7.30pm	Tony Murphy Assistant Director Education and Inclusion
NEW: Statutory teacher induction; an essential guide for governors	Tuesday 17th May	Joanne Neasham Early Career Teacher Induction Coordinator
Induction for new governors	Thursday 9th June, 5.30 to 7.30pm	Jane Edminson, Service Improvement Lead Newcastle City Council
NEW: Roles and responsibilities of school governors	Tuesday 21st June, 1.00 to 2.30pm Thursday 23rd June, 6.00 to 7.30pm	Lucy Emerson, School and Governor Support Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Keeping Children Safe in Education (free of charge)	Tuesday 28th June	Joanna Conway Education Safeguarding Officer

NEW: Statutory Teacher Induction; an Essential Guide for Governors

This year arrangements for the statutory induction for teachers changed with the introduction of the Early Career Framework and new responsibilities for schools. Governors are encouraged to attend this session to gain an understanding of schools' responsibilities and what induction support is available from the Local Authority.

NEW: Roles and Responsibilities of School Governors

This session is an ideal opportunity for governors to refresh their knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities. It will help governors to understand the governing body's key roles and responsibilities and consider how effectively your governing body carries out its responsibilities.

Times

All our training is offered with the choice of attending from 1.00 to 2.30pm or 6.00 to 7.30pm on the same date unless otherwise stated.

Delivery and Venue

During autumn 2021, our termly briefing and training sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams. Details of delivery for the spring and summer terms will be confirmed in due course.

Bookings

If your school has not purchased our annual training service, courses can be accessed on a pay as you go basis at £72 per governor per course attended. Please discuss with your school before booking.

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