

Your development journey: Maintained governors

This development plan provides a suggested pathway through Learning Link modules over the course of the governance year. These lists are not designed to be prescriptive - modules can be done in any sequence and can be started, paused and returned to at any time - but should help you decide which modules to complete during the year, and return to in subsequent years to ensure your knowledge is up-to-date.

Essential

Undertaking these modules will give you a great overview of the broad spectrum of duties, whether you are a governor or a trustee

Governance: your role, your responsibilities, your organisation (2 hours)

Your organisation: understanding school structures and what children should learn (2 hours)

Safeguarding: the governors' role (1 hours 30 minutes)

Effectiveness: governance making an impact, changing lives (1 hours 30 minutes)

Holding to account: How to question and challenge (15 minutes)

Should

The modules build on the essential content and help prepare you for more specific tasks and duties

Creating a new vision for your school or trust (15 minutes)

Effective financial governance in schools and trusts (2hrs) OR Integrating Curriculum and Financial Planning (ICFP) 15 minutes

Governance visits to schools (15 minutes)

Stakeholder engagement (15 minutes)

Progress and attainment: using data to improve educational outcomes (2 hours)

Could

These modules will enhance your learning and give you top tips for effective practice

Compliance: Assuring your organisation, keeping it safe, secure, and solvent (1.5hrs)

Holding to account: How to conduct a courageous conversation (15 minutes)

Minimising Exclusions (15 minutes)

As and when

These modules are available for those critical situations when you have to undertake specific tasks or roles at specific times. To be used as a refresher or at the first time you find yourself in a challenging situation

Ofsted inspections: Step-by-step (45 minutes)

Ofsted and the inspection framework (45 minutes)

How to: run an effective exclusion review panel (45 minutes)

How to: run an effective admissions appeal panel (45 minutes)

How to: run an effective HR review panel (45 minutes)

How to: run an effective complaints review panel (45 minutes)