

Learning Link modules

With over 60 governance modules aligned to NGA's Knowledge Centre, our suite of 10 collections cover:



Governance induction programme

A suite of seven modules covering key governance areas, perfect for those new to governance or those looking for a refresher.

Modules	Duration
<u>An introduction to the English education system</u>	30 mins
<u>Understanding the expectations of governance in your setting</u>	1 hr
<u>Essential safeguarding 2025-26</u>	1 hr 30 mins
<u>An introduction to the strategic role of governance</u>	1 hr
<u>How to complete monitoring visits</u>	30 mins
<u>An introduction to compliance</u>	30 mins
<u>The recipe for effective governance</u>	45 mins



Structures, roles and responsibilities

These modules will help you to understand school and trust structures, and what is expected of you as a governor or trustee.

Modules	Duration
<u>Taking the chair</u>	75 mins
<u>Stakeholder engagement: the governance role</u>	15 mins
<u>Effective MAT governance</u>	1 hr 15 mins
<u>Introduction to local governance</u>	20 mins



Vision, ethos and strategic direction

Covering risk management, evaluating effectiveness and your role in school improvement, these modules will help you shape your school or trust's strategic direction.

Modules	Duration
<u>Equality, diversity and inclusion programme</u>	1 hr 30 mins
<u>Creating a new vision for your school or trust</u>	15 mins



Good governance

These modules aim to help you improve the effectiveness of your governing board, including visiting your school or schools, Ofsted inspections and succession planning.

Modules	Duration
<u>Handling difficult situations</u>	55 mins
<u>Ofsted and the Education Inspection Framework 2025</u>	1 hr
<u>Succession planning</u>	40 mins
<u>Governance monitoring: a tool to help drive improvement</u>	10 mins
<u>Holding to account: how to question and challenge</u>	15 mins
<u>Holding to account: how to conduct a courageous conversation</u>	15 mins
<u>Ethical Leadership: a planning tool</u>	Up to 45 mins
<u>Interactive NGA skills audit</u>	Up to 60 mins
<u>Environmental sustainability: the governance role</u>	30 mins



Pupil success and wellbeing

These modules focus on the core purpose of your schools or trust – the quality of education it should be providing to pupils.

Modules	Duration
<u>Arts, culture and creativity: improving your school or trust and its curriculum</u>	45 mins
<u>Monitoring performance data and targets</u>	50 mins
<u>The governance of SEND</u>	30 mins
<u>Pupil premium</u> Currently offline while being updated	55 mins
<u>Minimising exclusions</u>	15 mins
<u>Panel work programme</u>	3 hrs
<u>Early Years Education</u> Currently offline while being updated	1 hr



Staffing

These modules cover the key stages in the lead executive recruitment process and the critical role the board has in holding executive leaders to account through effective headteacher appraisal.

Modules	Duration
<u>Executive leader performance management</u>	30 mins
<u>Recruiting a senior executive leader</u>	1 hr
<u>Management of workload and wellbeing: the governance role</u>	15 mins



Finance

These modules will provide you with the tools and approaches for developing financial efficiency in your school or trust.

Modules	Duration
<u>Effective financial governance in schools and trusts</u>	1 hr
<u>Using Integrated Curriculum and Financial Planning (ICFP)</u>	15 mins



Compliance

Covering key areas of compliance such as safeguarding, health and safety and admissions, these modules will make you aware of the most important points from legislation and guidance.

Modules	Duration
<u>Essential safeguarding 2025-26</u>	30 mins - 1 hr 30 mins
<u>Safer recruitment</u>	1 hr 15 mins
<u>Handling complaints in schools and trusts</u>	45 mins
<u>A whole-school approach to food</u>	1 hr 30 mins
<u>Cyber security and governance</u>	30 mins
COMING SOON! Health & Safety (June 2026)	30 minutes
COMING SOON! PREVENT (September 2026)	1 hr



Clerking

These modules will help new and experienced clerks to get a better understanding of their role and how to carry it out well.

Modules	Duration
<u>Panel work: an introduction</u>	25 mins
<u>How to: review suspensions and exclusions</u>	45 mins
<u>How to: run an effective admissions appeal panel</u>	45 mins
<u>How to: run an effective HR review panel</u>	45 mins
<u>How to: run an effective complaints review panel</u>	45 mins
<u>Introduction to clerking programme</u>	10 mins
<u>What does the governance professional do?</u>	40 mins
<u>How governance works</u>	40 mins
<u>How to: clerk in different types of school organisation</u>	20 mins
<u>How to: find and use key sources for governance</u>	30 mins
<u>How to: arrange meetings</u>	20 mins
<u>How to minute a meeting effectively</u>	40 mins
<u>How to: manage information and documents</u>	20 mins
<u>How to: support the membership of the board</u>	30 mins
<u>Clerking in new contexts: MAT local governance tier</u>	2 hours
<u>Clerking in new contexts: LA maintained governing board</u>	2 hours
<u>Clerking in new contexts: academy trust boards</u>	2 hours
<u>How to: support the development of the board</u>	30 mins
<u>How to: become a trusted advisor</u>	30 mins
<u>How to: clerk courageously</u>	30 mins