

Welcome

Dear Governor,

Welcome to the new look South Gloucestershire 2009/10 Governor Development Service Training Programme.

Thank you for being a governor in South Gloucestershire and for all the hard work and commitment you give to your school.

Governors are responsible for the strategic management of the school and share the leadership of the school with the headteacher and senior leadership team. Governors are primarily in post to bring about school improvement and make important strategic decisions on target setting, standards, finance and school development all of which affect the experiences and achievements of pupils in your school.

There is no doubt that fresh challenges await us as education is constantly changing. The training and development opportunities we offer can help you keep up to date with all of these changes. It will support you in dealing with practical issues such as managing budgets, appointing and retaining senior staff, exclusions, target setting, monitoring and evaluation and the headteachers performance management review as well as vital issues such as child protection and safeguarding.



If you are a new governor, training will give you an introduction to your new role and responsibilities. More experienced governors will need to keep up-to-date with current legislation, information and good practice. Specific training and network opportunities are available for both new and experienced chairs and clerks

Remember, an effective governing body works as a team. If every governor attends just one training session a year, the whole governing body will gain in skills and knowledge.

And finally...school governance should be enjoyable – celebrate the opportunities governance gives you to be involved in decision making for children and young people in South Gloucestershire and enjoy the privilege you have of being able to make a difference...for the better.

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