

Responses From the Governor Survey Relating to Training Requirements

Qu6. **Does Core Training Provide all of your Training Needs?**

YES	NO
161	62

Qu7. **What form of training do you prefer?**

Whole Governor Body Training

Distance Learning

On-line Training

Other - please specify...

Individual as required

Focus groups

courses run by LA

conferences

paper based

college based

workshop/practical

content is important

be specific per Gov Body

Web based

courses as currently

core training package for all gov's

selecting relevant courses at convenient times

Number
231
39
96
3
7
5
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Qu 6a. **If Core Training does not provide all your needs what improvements could we make?**

Training to understand forms and legal responsibilities

Talk to the governors of the school to see what they need

Be updated at same time as Headteacher with new developments

Increase daytime opportunities

More central location

Training needs to have a more practical application

Difficulties for 1 person to attend the training and then feedback to rest of the governing body

Further development courses needed

Good to learn from experience eg governing body

Training cancelled due to low numbers, more info needed on interviewing prospective staff

Access to courses due to full time working, therefore on line courses with tutor would be

Make all training available online and improve the website
Current health issues make it difficult to attend training courses
Clearer understanding of role of governor needed
Last course was cancelled which was frustrating
Training sessions need to be more forward and discussion led rather than powerpoint presentations
More convenient times needed
More in depth training needed for continuing governors
More local in house training would be beneficial
More courses focused on secondary education
More appropriate training to knowledge level of governors
Training courses cancelled to frequently
Understanding of key deliveries eg what key actions and levels of input for a Gov.
How to make better use of financial reporting systems
More in depth training needed on a range of issues
More choice of venue, more in depth training on specific issues
Less cancellations and ensure all trainers are fully qualified
More courses aimed at secondary school
More finance training needed as this is vital to understand school budget
More in depth training needed
More sessions for secondary schools
meetings of governing bodies from similar schools to share ideas
Daytime courses preferred
More capsular evening courses in accessible venues
Provision for subject updates and legislation changes before they happen
Less cancellations of training sessions
Hold GB training together
More use of online references
Opportunities for governing bodies to work together
More sessions on secondary schools
Training sessions at the weekend if possible
More notice regarding training sessions
catch up' groups for people who have missed training sessions
More courses during the day
Formatting of some courses are not appropriate
More secondary school courses
More daytime and evening courses
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Video downloads/CD's maybe more helpful as when you miss a course it is hard to catch up
More training aimed at secondary schools
Specific primary school courses not mixed with secondary so can be more focused
More central locations for non-drivers and daytime courses
Sending out leaflets for training sessions on time and less cancellations
more daytime training
Training on School Development Plan

Qu 8. What additional training do you need to support you in your role as a Governor?

General

Heads & Chairs working together / Work life balance
 Understanding and overview of what is appropriate at the time you become a governor
 Experience and knowledge of other parent governors would help
 Better access to LA officers and their work
 better links with the community
 curriculum issues
 Awareness bulletins
 Marketing in how to increase school volunteers
 Developing the role of a new governor and integration into the GB
 dealing with practical issues and developing problem solving skills
 practical skills in how to monitor school effectively
 help in integrating old and new governors
 Procedures and who to contact with regard to issues with Headteacher and staff
 Time management training
 Regular e-mail updates about new responsibilities of governing bodies
 Opportunities to observe teaching sessions, eg videos at home
 Refresher courses to keep informed of updates
 To be kept up to date with educational developments
 Availability of training is more important than the content at present
 refresher courses to keep up to date
 Question and answer sessions prove very useful
 Short policy updates or key briefings
 More computer based courses because of time constraints
 ongoing refresher training
 Further guidance on monitoring and evaluation role
 training specific to ones own school would be beneficial
 Governor body training to understand the role of the governor
 Clear indications of how to run a years work and info on new responsibilities, eg examples of good practice

Government/Law

Help understanding jargon / and constantly changing political requirements / & changing means of assessment
 To be kept up to date with new requirements / Law etc.
 Timely updates on key government initiatives required
 Ongoing changes to legislation
 Continual updating on curriculum and legislation developments
 new initiatives/change to law
 Updates on government legislation as and when required

Finance

More insight into budget flow charts
Financial/budget training needed
Further training eg education budget, law relating to governors
more support with financial requirements
More financial training
understanding of the school budget
understanding financial spreadsheets

Health & Safety

health and safety training
Health and safety updates

Specific Roles

Help in understanding the role of governors in church schools
link governor - lesson observation technique and do's and don'ts
Roles and responsibilities of personnel chair
Role as curriculum committee chair
To fully understand my role as a parent governor, chair of finance committee & link governor for numeracy.

Specialist Training

Specialised training event courses and new curriculum issues
Child protection training courses to get more involved and qualified
Special needs and disability equality
Training on bullying, as this has been cancelled
Training on special needs if possible
Working with children course