



Lead Governor Training

These two-part courses are provided as part of the service level agreement (SLA) offer and have been very well received by governors. The training is designed to strengthen the role of the lead governor in the following priority areas:

- Safeguarding
- Disadvantaged children
- SEND & inclusion
- Curriculum

The objectives of the lead governor training programme are to:

- Improve outcomes for all learners in relation to the priority areas
- Improve the governing board's understanding of responsibilities and how to influence improvement
- Develop the role of the lead governor to support and enable the governing board

Initial analysis of feedback provided some clear themes in relation to the impact of the programme on governance practice. These included:

- Change in board culture, strengthening understanding that improvement in the priority is the responsibility of all
- Development of the lead governor role working in partnership with the chair
- Raised profile of the priority area throughout governing boards' monitoring
- Strengthening of governor monitoring practice enabling the board to have a better understanding of the priority area and drive improvement

Here is some feedback from lead governors that have completed the training:

A clear presentation of the priority. A clear guide for the aspects of 'champion' through monitoring and impact.

Expert tutors who were very encouraging and clear.

The board is now aware of the school's ambition for all pupils with SEND and focused to find out from staff how this ambition is being met.

Governors now have greater understanding of their curriculum area and the wider curriculum.

The course has made me think about the way in which I communicate and involve the rest of the governing body in monitoring of the priority area.

More information about the programme can be found on the [WSSfS lead governor](#) pages. Here you will find a short video presentation that provides more information about the training.



This year's final cohort of the lead governor training programme will begin this autumn term.

Lead Governor Aspect	Part 1	Part 2
Curriculum	10 th November 2022 9:30-12:00	9 th March 2023 10:00-12:00
Safeguarding	16 th November 2022 9:30-12:00	15 th March 2023 10:00-12:00
Disadvantaged Children	22 nd November 2022 18:00-20:30	21 st March 2023 18:00-20:00
Inclusion & SEND	28 th November 2022 13:00-15:30	27 th March 2023 13:00-15:00

Spaces are available on each course which can be accessed via the training pages of WSSfS. We encourage you to speak with the lead governors on your board about this training.

If you have any questions about this training or any other of our courses, please do not hesitate to contact us via GovernanceSupport@westsussex.gov.uk