

Governor Mandatory Training Programme 2026 - 2027

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol



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Module 1 New governor induction: roles and responsibilities of governors - ‘knowing my school’	Target audience: New governors and governors who have yet to complete the mandatory modules. Broad aims: This session will provide governors with an awareness of the required knowledge and understanding to begin to fulfil their role effectively to support their school in raising standards. Session Content: This module will focus on: • how the school vision shapes values across the school community and drives a culture of high expectations • the key roles and responsibilities of governors • the composition of governing bodies and how they work • effective challenge and support • resources & support available. Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Trainer: Darren Jones, Group Manager – School Improvement, BCBC	Autumn Term Tuesday 20 October 2026 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Spring Term Thursday 28 January 2027 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Summer Term Monday 10 May 2027 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams
Module 2 The role of data in supporting self-evaluation and improvement in schools - ‘what governors need to know and why’	Target audience: New governors and governors who have yet to complete the mandatory modules. Broad aims: This session will provide governors to with an improved understanding of school progress and performance data. Session content: The session explores: • the types of data used by schools and the role data plays in school improvement • how data can be used by governors to challenge and support the school to improve • how governors are accountable for the progress made by all groups of learners and how this data is gathered and used by their schools • the types of questions governors can ask about their own school’s data. Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Trainer: Darren Jones, Group Manager – School Improvement, BCBC	Autumn Term Monday 23 November 2026 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Spring Term Thursday 11 March 2027 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Summer Term Monday 21 June 2027 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams

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New Chairperson Induction	Target audience: This is a mandatory course for new chairs of governors. Broad aims: It will support the chairperson to further develop their knowledge and understanding of how to fulfil their role effectively to support their school in raising standards and carrying out its statutory functions. Session content: The programme provides an introduction on: • the role and skills of the chairperson • key relationships • how to be an effective chairperson. This session is also an opportunity for you to raise any questions arising from the training, your role as a chairperson and to share your experiences to date. Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Trainer: Gethin Howells, School Improvement Partner, BCBC	Autumn Term Thursday 19 November 2026 5pm-6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Summer Term Tuesday 15 June 2027 5pm-6.30pm via Microsoft Teams

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Module 1 Welsh-Medium New governor induction: roles and responsibilities of governors - 'knowing my school'	Target audience: New governors and governors who have yet to complete the mandatory modules. Broad aims: This session will provide governors with an awareness of the required knowledge and understanding to begin to fulfil their role effectively to support their school in raising standards. Session Content: This module will focus on: • how the school vision shapes values across the school community and drives a culture of high expectations • the key roles and responsibilities of governors • the composition of governing bodies and how they work • effective challenge and support • resources & support available. Duration: 1 hour 30 mins	Autumn Term Monday 19 October 2026 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Summer Term Tuesday 11 May 2027 5pm-6.30pm via Microsoft Teams

	Trainer: Iwan Ellis, School Improvement Partner and Becca Avci, Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Co-ordinator, BCBC	
Module 2 Welsh-medium The role of data in supporting self-evaluation and improvement in schools - 'what governors need to know and why'	Target audience: New governors and governors who have yet to complete the mandatory modules. Broad aims: This session will provide governors to with an improved understanding of school progress and performance data. Session content: The session explores: • the types of data used by schools and the role data plays in school improvement • how data can be used by governors to challenge and support the school to improve • how governors are accountable for the progress made by all groups of learners and how this data is gathered and used by their schools • the types of questions governors can ask about their own school's data. Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Trainer: Iwan Ellis, School Improvement Partner and Becca Avci, Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Co-ordinator, BCBC	Autumn Term Tuesday 24 November 2026 5pm – 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams Summer Term Tuesday 22 June 2027 5pm-6.30pm via Microsoft Teams

Important note about registering for governor training sessions

Please ensure that you register for all sessions that you wish to attend by completing the booking form below and returning to pupilservices@bridgend.gov.uk. This ensures that we are able to contact all attendees in advance in the rare event that a session is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. All emails will be acknowledged, and you will also receive a reminder email, at least 48 hours before each session.

Please note Modules 1 and 2 require a minimum of eight attendees for the session to be held.

Governor Training Booking Form

Name	
Email address	
Name of school for which you are a governor	

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