

Introduction

This is the programme of Governor Training courses available to all Bury Governors for the rest of the academic year.

All Governors whether new or old are very welcome to attend – governance is constantly evolving and there is always something new to discover!

All of these courses will be offered online using the RMA Zoom account. Each course will be 2.5 hours in duration (including a 15 minute screen break) and cover the same material as an in-person workshop – which we hope to offer again from September 2021.

These interactive sessions combine whole group discussions, small group / break out discussions, quizzes and tutor led sessions. You will receive a small pack of pre-course reading, and a full pack of course information afterwards.

How Do I Book?

You can book onto these courses by clicking on the booking link for each course on the table on the following page. This takes you to an event booking service which will record your booking, issue your ticket and enable us to send you all the pre-course information. The only data you will share is your name and email address.

Each course will have its own unique Zoom link which will be issued directly to you once you book on.

You can't access a course without booking ahead, and numbers for each course are limited to ensure the best experience for everyone.

Bookings close 2 working days before the course date, and courses with less than 6 delegates will be cancelled 1 week before the scheduled start date.

What Do I need?

All you need is a device which has a camera, microphone, speaker, a reliable internet connection and a modern internet browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari etc). The courses will work on a phone, but a tablet is better and a laptop or desktop will give you the best learning experience.

When are the Courses?

Monday 17 th May 6pm – 8.30pm	Emotionally Healthy Schools
Tuesday 1 st June 6pm – 8.30pm	Governors Role in Health & Safety
Monday 14 th June 6pm – 8.30pm	Role of the Board for Improving Outcomes for Vulnerable Children
Wednesday 16 th June 9.30am - midday	Safer Recruitment Part 1 of 2
Thursday 24 th June 9.30am - midday	Safer Recruitment Part 2 of 2
Monday 5 th July 6pm – 8.30pm	Governors' role in Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND)

What Do the Courses Cover?

Emotionally Healthy Schools Presented by Tim Watson	
Monday 17th May 2021	6pm – 8.30pm
<p>The session will increase governors' confidence in their role in developing an emotionally healthy community in their school, covering the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health facts and figures • The impact of stress • Recent guidelines from government • Developing an emotionally healthy school community • Healthy ways of coping <p>Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145911135133</p>	
The Governors Role in Health and Safety Presented by Laura Evans	
Tuesday 1st June 2021	6pm – 8.30pm
<p>This course covers the basics of governors' / trustees' responsibilities in respect of health and safety law in Schools. The course covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legal framework, • What a health and safety policy looks like and why it is different from other school policies • Choice of two specific areas where schools / governors may feel they need more information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ school trips ○ building work (including asbestos in schools) ○ Covid ○ High risk subjects ○ Staff Wellbeing ○ Premises Management <p>Attendees will gain a clearer picture of how health and safety law is applied and their role in ensuring that their school effectively manages this critical area</p> <p>Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-governors-role-in-health-safety-bury-tickets-146369867213</p>	
Role of the Board for Improving Outcomes for Vulnerable Children Presented by Tim Watson	
Monday 14th June 2021	6pm – 8.30pm
<p>By the end of the session governors will have enhanced their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range of factors that can increase the vulnerability of a child e.g. poverty, mental ill health and being a looked after child • Special educational needs and disability legislation and the requirements on schools • Governors' responsibilities for child protection and keeping children safe • What the pupil premium grant is and how schools can use it to diminish the difference • Role of the board in monitoring the impact of SEND provision, safeguarding and the use of the pupil premium grant <p>Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-governors-role-in-improving-outcomes-for-vulnerable-children-tickets-146566266649</p>	

Safer Recruitment (2 part course)	
Presented by Glenys Hurst-Robson	
Part 1: Wednesday 16 th June 2021	9.30am - Midday
Part 2: Thursday 24 th June 2021	
<p>Please note: Governors must attend both parts of this course to receive their accreditation.</p> <p>This course is a full day course in person, and when conducted online it is split into 2 half day sessions. For delegates to gain their accreditation they will need to complete an interactive assessment, which can be completed either during the course. Alternatively they can print this off and do the assessment afterwards</p> <p>Based on an understanding of offender behaviour to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the key features of staff recruitment that help deter or prevent the appointment of unsuitable people • Consider policies and practice that minimise opportunities for abuse or ensure its prompt reporting • Help participants begin to review their policies and practice in recruitment with a view to creating a safer culture <p>Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safer-recruitment-2-part-course-tickets-146568429117</p> <p>Please remember to book tickets for both sessions of this course</p>	
Governors' role in special education needs and disability (SEND)	
Presented by Tim Watson	
Monday 5 th July 2021	6pm – 8.30pm
<p>This session will enable governors/trustees to increase their knowledge and confidence in SEND and in ensuring that all children in their school have equitable access to the provision of high quality education. Governors/trustees will leave the training with an understanding of recent changes in SEND legislation and the requirements on schools, focusing on the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification of children and young people with SEN and disabilities • Impact of teaching, learning and assessment of children and young people with SEN and disabilities • Effective monitoring of outcomes of children and young people with SEN and disabilities <p>Booking Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-governors-role-in-special-education-needs-and-disability-send-tickets-146570727993</p>	

Wider Programme Offer

RMA Governance offer a comprehensive range of training and development workshops which can all be tailored to a specific school or Trust. These additional workshops include:

- The governors' role in understanding the quality of teaching and learning
- The governors' role in special education needs and disability
- Knowing your school through governor visits
- Mentally Health Schools
- Safer recruitment (full day accredited course)
- Governors / Trustees role in safeguarding
- Handling school complaints
- Governors' role in Headteacher performance management
- The governors' role in managing staffing
- Handling pay appeals
- Governing body self-evaluation and the governor mark
- The Governors' role in Monitoring, Supporting, Challenging
- Leading the team of Governors
- Introduction to the role of chair
- Chairing effective meetings
- New clerks' induction
- Effective clerking
- Clerking Forums

If your school wishes to take advantage of any of these then please contact chris@rmagovernance.com