



Training and Events for Local Governing Bodies

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**The Pope Francis Catholic Multi-Academy
Company**
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Introduction

The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company (PFMAC) is committed to enabling and supporting effective governance to help Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) fulfil their core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction
- Holding the executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and performance of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent
- Ensuring decisions consider the views and experiences of stakeholders (pupils, parents, staff, and the community)
- Maintaining the Catholic vision and character of the school

“Catholic schools offer to all an approach to education that has as its aim the full development of the person, which responds to the right of every person to access knowledge.”

Pope Francis

Our events and training are offered free of charge to all governors within the PFMAC and are specifically designed for the schools within our MAC.

INDUCTION

On appointment as a governor, you will be offered an induction session with our Governance Manager, Sarah Sienkiewicz, who will introduce you to the role of governance within the PFMAC. These sessions are offered one-to-one, or in small groups, as new governors are appointed. Sarah will be in contact soon after your appointment to arrange a mutually convenient date for your session. This session supplements but does not replace the induction training offered by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service (BDES) and local induction in school with your Chair and Headteacher.

Dates: arranged individually

Venue: Zoom

Book: ssienkiewicz@pfmac.org.uk

Facilitator/session leader: Sarah Sienkiewicz (PFMAC Governance Manager)

TERMLY BRIEFING

This termly briefing is relevant for all governors in the PFMAC and will bring you up to date with developments affecting our schools. In this session you will be able to hear from a range of colleagues.

Date: Wednesday 24th January 2024, 7pm-8pm

Venue: Zoom

Book: Via GovernorHub – PFMAC Training Tab

Facilitator/session leader: PFMAC Support Team

EFFECTIVE GOVERNOR VISITS

This hour-long session focuses on how Governors can be most effective during visits to their school. It includes what to look for, questions to ask, what school staff will appreciate from visits and how Governors can use experience from visits to support them during school inspection.

Date: Monday 29th January, 7pm-8pm

Venue: Zoom

Book: Via GovernorHub – PFMAC Training Tab

Facilitator/session leader: Jane Hemery (Primary Lead)

HEALTH & SAFETY LINK GOVERNORS

This session will focus on the role of Health and Safety link governors and explore how you can be effective in fulfilling this important role. It is particularly aimed at Health and Safety link governors but any governors are welcome to attend.

Date: Wednesday 28th February, 7pm-8pm

Venue: Zoom

Book: Via GovernorHub – PFMAC Training Tab

Facilitator/session leader: Matthew Brandish (Operations Manager)

SAFEGUARDING LINK GOVERNORS

This session will focus on the role of safeguarding link governors and explore how you can be effective in fulfilling this important role. It is particularly aimed at safeguarding link governors but any governors are welcome to attend.

Date: Monday 11th March, 7pm-8pm

Venue: Zoom

Book: Via GovernorHub – PFMAC Training Tab

Facilitator/session leader: Jane Hemery (MAC Safeguarding Lead)

BUDGET SETTING FOR GOVERNORS

Budget setting for Governors will prepare you to fulfil your responsibilities in preparing and recommending a budget for your school.

Date: Monday 25 March, 7pm-8pm

Venue: Zoom

Book: Via GovernorHub – PFMAC Training Tab

Facilitator/session leader: Martin Bayliss (CFO)

How do I book my PFMAC training?

All PFMAC training will be booked via GovernorHub. [This article will guide you through the process.](#) If you are having any problems booking on to a training session please [contact the Governance Manager](#), Sarah Sienkiewicz, who will be able to assist you.

What training should I undertake?

The accompanying training schedule lists all required and recommended courses for governors with the PFMAC. There are many other training modules available via our external partners which may be relevant depending on your experience, interests, and governance responsibilities. If you are unable to find a relevant course, please [contact our Governance Manager](#), Sarah Sienkiewicz, who will assist you.

Partner organisations



Archdiocese of Birmingham
Diocesan Education Service

The Diocesan Education Service (BDES) offer briefings and induction for governors. Governors should receive these invitations direct so if you are not receiving them, please contact the governance

team at the BDES who will be able to resolve this for you: governance@bdes.org.uk



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- Refresh your link governors' knowledge with practical tips and real-life scenarios
- Dip in and out of each module to suit your needs and schedule
- Download your certificate on completion and add it to your GovernorHub training library

All governors in the PFMAC have access to GovernorHub Knowledge at no additional charge. To access please click on the link in your GovernorHub account.



The Catholic Primary Partnership promotes schools working together in true partnership, sharing expertise, and enriching the education of all children for the benefit of Catholic Education, ensuring that all pupils and staff are given the opportunities to become the person God has called them to be.

Governors can access relevant training at £15 per course (please agree expenditure with your school in advance). To view available training and book courses please visit the Partnership [website](#).

Oxfordshire County Council Governor Services delivers comprehensive annual training and development programmes for both governors and clerks, provided as traded services. These programmes provide professional training from experienced tutors on all aspects of governors' and clerks' roles, including Induction, crucial for all new governors and

clerks. Governors can view training opportunities and book sessions via the 'Oxfordshire Governor Services' tab on GovernorHub. For schools which subscribe to the service there are no additional costs, otherwise training may be undertaken on a pay-as-you-go basis, the expenditure being agreed with the school in advance.



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TheSchoolBus

Governors will soon have access to the resources of The School Bus – a website service for schools providing information

and support to our schools. The e-Learning module includes a number of governance related training sessions. All governors will shortly be receiving an email to sign up to this service.