



Quick Guide to: Walsall School Governance Team

What do we do?

The School Governance Team provides direct support to school leaders and Governing Boards on all aspects of school governance. The team provide bespoke guidance and advice on specific issues as well as virtual and face to face training, clerking services and external reviews of governance. The team also retain oversight of the Council's statutory duties in regard to school governance and work collaboratively in support of wider partnership roles including the weekly education updates, the Walsall Learning Alliance, Schools Causing Concern and monthly virtual governance briefings.

What services and support can we offer?

The service provides a range of services tailored to the needs of an individual setting. Our services include:

1. **Governor training.** From induction through to the latest guidance on all aspects of school governance. The team provides a comprehensive online offer and can also deliver bespoke sessions tailored to the needs of individual Boards virtually or face to face.
2. **Clerking services.** A comprehensive clerking service with a nominated trained clerk as a point of contact and access to Governor Hub, NGA membership and termly governance briefings.
3. **External reviews of governance** and support in developing self-audit tools to track the impact of governance over time and identify areas of self-improvement.
4. Support regarding **changes to governance** including (federations, acadamisation, changing the constitution of your Governing Board).
5. **Bespoke advice and guidance** on governance and school leadership to meet the needs of your setting and leadership priorities.
6. We deliver the **local authorities statutory duties** around Instruments of Government, maintaining a database of school governors etc.

Who to speak to:

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