

Chairs and lead governors

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Being a chair of governors is a key leadership role and governing boards are central to the effective accountability of schools.

Leading the governing board and working in partnership with the headteacher, the chair and lead governors play a pivotal role in school improvement.

To be effective, you need a good understanding of the role and its responsibilities so that your school gains maximum benefit from the work that you do.

You also need to ensure that all governors understand the role and responsibilities of the governing board, which can vary slightly depending on the type of school such as voluntary aided, foundation, academy, multi-academy or federation.

Induction for new chairs

Welcome to new chairs' briefing (pdf) The local authority have developed this introductory briefing on the key roles and responsibilities of chairs of school governing boards giving all new and current chairs a clear overview of what is involved. It is in addition to the Ealing chairs of governors information pack (word) for all new (and existing) chairs.

Ealing's governor training programme include 'The effective chair' in addition to induction training for all new governors. These will be offered as both face to face and online training sessions.

Chairs' and lead governors' briefings 2020/21

- The first Chairs/lead governors conversation will be Tuesday 8 December 2020. Book a place and read more information (CPD online)
- The next briefing will be Thursday 4 February 2021. Book a place and read more information (CPD online)

The briefings will be run half termly and are free to Ealing Learning Partnership schools.

In addition, there will be termly learning conversation meetings to provide an opportunity for governors to share good practice as part of a networking opportunity. Each session will have a structured format focusing on core functions of governance and self-review. These can be booked via Ealing CPD online

Previous briefings

26 November 2020

Chair/lead governor briefing (pdf)

15 October 2020

- Chair/ lead governor briefing (pdf)

10 September 2020

- Chair/ lead governor briefing (pdf)
- Ealing sample agenda for full GB meeting autumn term (doc)

Chairs' and lead governors' briefings 2019/20

11 June 2020

- Chair/ lead governor briefing (pdf)
- Sample agenda during COVID-19 (doc)

4 June 2020

- Chair's question time

14 May 2020

- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar (pdf)
- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar recording part 1 (YouTube)
- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar recording part 2 (YouTube)

7 May 2020

- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar (pdf)
- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar recording part 1 (YouTube)
- Chairs'/lead governor virtual briefing webinar recording part 2 (YouTube)

5 February 2020

- Chairs briefing presentation 5 February 2020 (pdf)

27 November 2019

- Chairs briefing presentation November 2019 (pdf)
- Learning conversation information: holding leaders to account (pdf)

For more details and to book a place please go to Ealing CPD online

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