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 chairand 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 2023/24

View and book events via Ealing CPD online

Slides / resources from the briefings and networks will now be available in the Ealing Governor Services / Resources section on GovernorHub

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