

Solihull Governor Services
Solihull School Governors' Training Programme
April 2018 – March 2019

The Role of the SEND Link Governor

This Briefing is aimed at SEND Link Governors and Chairs of Governors.

Although the role of a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Link Governor is not a statutory requirement, it is a recommended post within the Governing Body. Being a SEND Link Governor is about doing your best to make sure pupils with SEND get the help they need to access the curriculum and to participate fully in the life of the school. As an SEND Link Governor, you are the link between the Governing Body and the school in relation to pupils with SEN.

The intended learning outcomes of the seminar is that governors will have:

- An understanding of their role as SEND Governor;
- An increased understanding of the governing body's responsibilities with regard to provision and support for children with SEND;
- Improved understanding of the SEND Code of Practice and all expectations with regard to the legislative changes from September 2014;
- An increased understanding of the expectations about the use of funding to support children with SEND;
- Opportunities to discuss and share ways of working with and supporting the SENCO in their schools.

The seminar will cover the following features of effective governance:

Strategic leadership that sets and champions vision, ethos and strategy. ✓

Accountability that drives up educational standards and financial performance. ✓

People with the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity. ✓

Structures that reinforce clearly defined roles and responsibilities. ✓

Compliance with statutory and contractual requirements. ✓

Evaluation to monitor and improve the quality and impact of governance. ✓

This briefing will be held on the following dates:

Summer Term	Wednesday, 11 th July 2018	Civic Suite, 7.00-8.00pm
Spring Term	Tuesday, 12 th February 2019	The Loft, 1.00-2.00pm