

Foundation Governors:

Did you become or were re-appointed as a Foundation Governor in the past twelve months?

On your nomination form you signed: *I agree to attend Diocesan training within the first year of my appointment and to attend any other relevant training, including LA training, during my term of office.*

The Diocese commends and requests Foundation Governors at least attend the following two courses:

New to Church School Governance



Under the three themes ‘Called, Connected and Committed,’ the role of the church school governor is explored from a practical and theological perspective. Understanding the specific expectations of the Foundation governor in relation to the church and school partnership is a vital part. Opportunity to discuss, share your experiences and questions will help all Foundation Governors develop and prioritise their role.

14th March at 4pm (90 mins) on Zoom

[Click here to book](#)

Safeguarding for Governors



“Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility” – every governor **MUST** undertake safeguarding training.

This course, specifically for Foundation Governors (others very welcome), will provide a theological and practical understanding of why the Church takes safeguarding seriously and an overview of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

If you have attended school and/or Local Authority training, we strongly suggest you also attend this session to enable you to develop your understanding and commitment to how the Diocese and Church Schools are called to *“Defend the weak...uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed”* (Psalm 83.4)

5th May at 10am or repeated at 5pm (90 mins) on Zoom

[Click here to book](#)

Inaugural Meeting of Network for Chairs on 23rd March at 2.00pm (2 hours)

A promotional graphic for the 'Network for Chairs' meeting. It features a teal background with three images: a person typing on a laptop, a gear mechanism, and a person writing on a document. The text 'NETWORK FOR CHAIRS' is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'WITH GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MIKE SIMMONDS'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Governance Training' which includes the Diocese of Chichester and The Church of England, with the motto 'TO KNOW · LOVE · FOLLOW JESUS'.

Chairs of Governors, please do all you can to attend the inaugural meeting of the Network of Chairs, join the Zoom call at 2pm and stay as long as you are able. Vice Chairs welcome as well.

There will be some input outlining both the purpose of the Network and sharing of relevant current information. However, this first session will be exploring how best the Diocese can support you and your governance board, so do come with your ideas. In future this will be at least a termly drop-in session.

[Click here to Book](#)

The next Governance e-bulletin will be sent out: week beginning 14th March. Please remember to pass on to ALL your governors.

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