

Governor Training Programme from September 2008 to December 2008	Level	This course will cover....	Venue	Day	Date	Time
Essential courses for Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Governors						
Agenda Briefings for Governors	N/A	Strategic briefing and input from LA officers on national and local priorities which inform forthcoming governing body agendas. This is essential for Chairs but please note that all governors are welcome particularly Vice-Chairs and Headteachers.	Pavilion	Wednesday	17 September 2008	6.00-8.00pm
Taking the Chair: Module 1	2	Chairing governing body meetings effectively: New Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Chairs of Committees particularly welcome.	Gatehouse Centre, Hartcliffe	Thursday	23 October 2008	7.00-9.30pm
Essential courses for New Governors						
Getting Started: Introduction for New Governors	1	An overview of governors' key duties and areas of responsibility including how schools are organised. This is essential training for new governors	Southville Centre	Tuesday	23 September 2008	7.00-9.30pm
*** Repeat Course***** Getting Started: Introduction for New Governors	1	An overview of governors' key duties and areas of responsibility including how schools are organised. This is essential training for new governors	BAWA, Filton	Thursday	6 November 2008	9.30-12noon
The role of the Parent Governor	1	Understanding the specific role of the parent governor, including issues of parental engagement, confidentiality and conflict of interest.	Southville Centre	Friday	19 September 2008	9.30-12noon
More about your role: Accountability of a governing body	2	The role of the governing body in ensuring accountability. Looking at how schools fulfil their legal requirements and looking at ways governing bodies report to their stakeholders. Governors who are familiar with the school context, and comfortable participating in a meeting context, may wish to start at this point.	Create Centre, Cumberland Basin	Tuesday	14 October 2008	7.00-9.30pm
More about your role: Strategic Direction of a governing body	2	The role of the governing body in setting the strategic direction of the school. Looking at School Development Planning, target setting and successful characteristics of an effective school.	Create Centre, Cumberland Basin	Tuesday	18 November 2008	7.00-9.30pm

More about your role: Support and Challenge of a governing body	2	The role of the governing body in being a critical friend. Looking at the role of monitoring & evaluation and using school data to inform improvement.	Create Centre, Cumberland Basin	Tuesday	9 December 2008	7.00-9.30pm
More about your role: Condensed all day session	2	The governors' role in ensuring accountability, strategic planning, and supporting and challenging school performance. This course has been condensed and governors should expect an intensive session.	Create Centre, Cumberland Basin	Saturday	6 December 2008	9.30-3.30pm
Essential courses for all governors						
RAISE online	3	Using data to help governing bodies understand the school's strengths and weaknesses and inform improvement planning.	Create Centre, Cumberland Basin	Wednesday	26 November 2008	7.00-9.30pm
Essential courses for link governors/governors serving on committees						
Finance: Module 1	2	An introduction to governors' responsibilities in monitoring the school's finances.	BAWA Filton	Monday	15 September 2008	9.30-12 noon
Financial Management Standard	3	Governors' responsibilities in achieving the Financial Management Standard. Compulsory for all schools, especially those identified for accreditation this year.	BAWA Filton	Monday	24 November 2008	9.30-12noon
Child Protection: Developing the role of the responsible governor	2	An introduction to governors' responsibilities in ensuring effective safeguarding for children and young people.	Create Centre Cumberland Basin	Tuesday	7 October 2008	7.00-9.30pm
Exclusions	2	The role of the governing body in reviewing pupil exclusion. Headteachers and Clerks particularly welcome.	BAWA Filton	Friday	28 November 2008	9.30-12 noon
The Role of the Health & Safety and Well-being Governor	2	An introduction to the roles and responsibilities of the link governor for health, safety and well-being in school	BAWA Filton	Monday	10 November 2008	9.30-12 noon
Special Educational Needs	2	An introduction to the role of the Special Educational Needs Governor.	Withywood Community Centre	Thursday	2 October 2008	9.30-12 noon

Specialist courses						
Ofsted	2	Understanding the inspection framework and what it means for governors and their schools	BAWA Filton	Monday	20 October 2008	7.00- 9.30pm
Setting up a Parent Council	2	Interested in setting up a Parent Council? A parent Council is a body of parents, representing all parents, run by the parents with support of the school. They can provide an excellent forum to come together, share ideas & put forward their views to the governing body.	Create Centre Cumberland Basin	Thursday	9 October 2008	7.00- 9.30pm
**** Repeat Course**** Setting up a Parent Council	2	Interested in setting up a Parent Council? A parent Council is a body of parents, representing all parents, run by the parents with support of the school. They can provide an excellent forum to come together, share ideas & put forward their views to the governing body.	Council House College Green	Thursday	4 December 2008	9.30am-12 noon
The governors role in promoting community cohesion	2	This session will look at what is meant by community cohesion and describe the role of governors in ensuring that their school contributes.	Council House College Green	Thursday	20 November 2008	7.00- 9.30pm
Essential training for clerks to governors						
National Training Programme for Clerks:Module 3	1	The role of the clerk as advisor to the governing body	Southville Centre	Wednesday	1 October 2008	9.30-12 noon
National Training Programme for Clerks: Module 1	1	The role of the clerk in managing meetings	Southville Centre	Wednesday	12 November 2008	9.30-12 noon
Clerks' Network	N/A	Sharing good practice, new initiatives and supporting training and development needs.	Southville Centre	Wednesday	15 October 2008	9.30-12 noon