



Cheshire Academies Trust

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GOVERNANCE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Fischer Family Trust (FFT) Data Training

One of the three core functions of school governance is to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school. In this session, led by Steve Ellis, governors and trustees will be provided with the information they need to analyse and interpret FFT data so that they can fulfil one of their core responsibilities.

New Governor/Trustee Induction Training

New (and existing governors/trustees who may wish to attend as a 'refresher') will have the opportunity to meet with other new governors/trustees and to discuss:

- What is governance?
- The core functions of governance?
- What does it mean to be strategic?
- How do governors and trustees fulfil their duties?
- What are the Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation?

This session will give new governors and trustees an understanding of the strategic role of governance and how the Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation affect governance throughout Cheshire Academies Trust.

Ofsted Update

What is the school inspection handbook? What happens during an Ofsted inspection, what is the role of governors and trustees during an inspection and what questions are we likely to be asked? This training module will provide governors and trustees with an understanding of the role of governance in the inspection process.

Articles of Association and Scheme of Delegation

This session is a follow-on from the induction training and will provide a further in-depth look at the Scheme of Delegation and Articles of Association and how they inform the work of all levels of governance. This session is suitable for new governors or trustees or anyone looking to refresh their knowledge of these key documents.

Introduction to Resource Management in CAT Academies

- Intro to CAT Resource Management Strategy,
- How are academies funded & how does that differ from maintained schools,
- CAT Financial Framework
- Financial governance responsibilities & the role of the finance chair
- Key Documents (Academy Trust Handbook, CAT Handbook, Scheme of Delegation, Finance Policies & Procedures, LGB (Business & Finance Reports).

Triangulating Evidence

This training session will provide a discussion on what triangulation means in the context of school governance, why it is important and how it can help governors and trustees meet their statutory obligations.

Effective Questioning

This session will provide governors with an overview of key reporting mechanisms across the trust (including Outcomes, Pupil Premium, SEND and Safeguarding reports) and the questions that governors and trustees may wish to ask in order to hold senior leaders to account.

CAT Governance Conference