

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

# Safeguarding for Governors

This Safeguarding for Governors course will give you the safeguarding knowledge you need to be confident in your role as a school governor and recognise your responsibilities for ensuring that your setting meets its safeguarding requirements.

By taking this course, you will gain knowledge of the law, guidance documents and policies that support effective safeguarding practice. You will learn how you can work with both your school's senior leadership and wider agencies within the safeguarding structure.

### **Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding**

This module explores the importance of effective safeguarding training and best practices, including the collaborative effort of multi-agency working, the roles and responsibilities of professionals involved in safeguarding and the legal framework that underpins these practices.

- The importance of safeguarding training
- The impact of safeguarding failures
- Multi-agency working
- Roles, responsibilities and structures
- Key legislation and statutory guidance

### **Module 2: In-school Response**

This module covers the internal safeguarding process for schools, including how to recognise abuse, respond to disclosures and how policies, procedures and training can create an effective safeguarding culture.

- Recognising abuse
- A child's response to abuse
- Responding to disclosures of abuse
- What is a culture of safeguarding?

### **Module 3: Possible External Agency Responses**

This module explains the assessment process used to identify the level of need required by children and families at risk, the procedures that follow a safeguarding referral and the action that may be taken by children's social care.

- What response is needed?
- Children's social care
- The single assessment process
- The role of the LADO

### **Module 4: Safeguarding Responsibilities of a School Governor**

This module covers governors' responsibilities regarding safeguarding policies, acting as critical friends and providing oversight to ensure the school is fulfilling its legal duties. It also provides guidance on how to effectively prepare for Ofsted inspections and emphasises the importance of maintaining robust safeguarding systems for compliance.

- The responsibility of a school governor
- How to prepare for Ofsted
- Key safeguarding systems for school compliance

## Aims of the training

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Explain the safeguarding structure required in a school setting.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the law, guidance documents and policies that contribute towards best safeguarding practice.
- Outline your role and responsibilities as part of the school's governing body and your role in ensuring that your setting meets its safeguarding requirements.
- Recognise what child abuse is and the categories of abuse.
- Identify school safeguarding procedures, including the child protection process.
- Identify the importance of multi-agency working in child protection.