

## Governors Cymru Services - Summer survey 2025

### SECTION 1: YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL

#### 1. What is your category of governor?

- Headteacher
- Teacher governor
- Staff governor
- LA governor
- Parent governor
- Foundation governor
- Community governor
- Additional community governor
- Partnership governor
- Sponsor governor
- Representative governor
- Associate pupil governor (secondary schools only)

#### 2. What is your current role within your governing body? (choose one)

- Chair
- Vice-chair
- Chair of committee
- Clerk
- Governor
- Other (please specify)

#### 3. In what stage of education are you a governor?

- Primary
- Secondary
- All Age

#### 4. Of what type of setting are you a governor? (select all that apply)

- English medium
- Welsh medium
- Faith school
- Special school
- Pupil referral unit

## SECTION 2: ISSUES FACING YOUR SCHOOL

5. What is the most pressing issue facing your school at the moment? (choose one)

- Additional Learning Needs (ALN) / Special educational needs (SEN)
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Complaints (e.g. from parents or other stakeholders)
- Curriculum for Wales
- Educational outcomes (e.g. GCSE results)
- Funding
- HR matters
- Literacy and numeracy
- Pupil /staff well-being
- School organisational changes
- Staff recruitment/retention
- Workload
- Other (please specify)

6. Please use this space to set out your concerns from Question 5 in more detail if you wish.

7. What one intervention would make the biggest difference to your school?

- Better support for ALN/SEN pupils
- Improved clarity on roles/responsibilities
- Improved teacher training/professional learning opportunities
- Increased funding / grant support
- More teachers and support staff
- More support for literacy and numeracy
- Reform of Curriculum for Wales
- Clearer guidance (national, local)
- Learner counselling provision
- Other (please specify)

8. Please use this space to expand on your answer to Question 7 in more detail if you wish.

## SECTION 3: YOUR ROLE AS A GOVERNOR

9. As a governor, how do you feel about the amount of training you received or is available to you to help you in your role?

- Not enough
- About right
- Too much

10. What sort of training do you prefer?

- Face to face
- E-learning
- Both

11. As a governor, how do you feel about the amount of support you received had or is available to you to help you in your role?

- Not enough
- About right
- Too much

12. How would you rate the overall effectiveness of your school's governing body at fulfilling its statutory duties?

- Not effective
- Satisfactory
- Very effective

13. What areas of governor work do you find the most rewarding? Select all that apply.

- Strategic leadership
- Being the critical friend
- Ensuring accountability
- Making a difference to outcomes
- Community involvement
- Collaboration & teamwork
- Personal and professional development
- Other - please list any other specific governing body work

14. What is the biggest issue that is currently impacting upon the work of your governing body? Choose one

- Clerking
- Complaints (e.g. from parents or other stakeholders)
- Estyn inspection follow-up
- Governor attendance
- Governor recruitment / retention
- Governor workload
- HR matters
- Lack of understanding of roles/responsibilities
- Leadership of the governing body
- Working relationships
- Other (please specify)

15. What impact have you made as a governor to the work of the governing body and school improvement? Please note your comments here.

16. What additional information would be useful to help you with your governor work?

- Supportline information
- Online advice and guidance
- Sharing effective practice
- E-learning
- Briefing sessions
- Please list any specific themes for events / resources etc to help with future planning.

17. Please use this space to expand upon any of the issues raised in this section of the survey if you wish.