

Partnership Forum

A termly briefing for nominated governance partnership leads



Monday 5 October 2026

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

**Inclusive Education & Learning Centre, Smithills Dean Road, Bolton,
BL1 6JT (turn right after Smithills school)**

The Partnership Forums aim to strengthen school governance by providing information about local and national initiatives and changes in government legislation. The forums help support effective communication between governance boards and the local authority and promote cohesive working within the Bolton family of schools. The meetings are held termly, and membership is based on attendance of one delegate per board – the 'Partnership Lead'. Attendance is free of charge for all boards. A recording of this session will be available post-event and will be provided to all attendees. If you are unable to attend and would like access to the recording, please book onto the virtual pre-recorded session. The video will be released via the Governance Gateway and delegates will receive an email to advise when it is accessible.

The focus areas for this term's session are:

- **Safeguarding update**

Jo Nicolson, Safeguarding in Education

- **SEND reforms**

Dr Sue Cornwell, Head of SEND and Principal Educational Psychologist and Lucy Coupe Deputy Head of SEND

To attend or receive the pre-recorded video, booking is essential

For further information and to reserve your place on the Partnership Forum, please visit the Governance Services website via the following link [**\[Book Now \]**](#)

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