

All school governors and academy trustees need to have safeguarding and child protection training, and this must include online safety. **Beyond that there are no other training requirements for governors**, but the majority of schools will ask governors to undertake at least induction training.

The requirement to have safeguarding training comes from the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education. It says that the training should be **“regularly updated”**, which I imagine most schools will interpret as updated **at least annually**.

“Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure that all governors and trustees receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection (including online) training at induction.

“This training should equip them with the knowledge to provide strategic challenge to test and assure themselves that the safeguarding policies and procedures in place in schools and colleges are effective and support the delivery of a robust whole school approach to safeguarding.

“Their training should be regularly updated.”

[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)

Your school may invite governors to attend the safeguarding training they give to staff members. Online courses such as [Child Protection in Schools](#) from the NSPCC are also available.

Reference was also made to the NGA Learning Link module on Safeguarding, which is coincidentally provided by the national College. Here are the brief details.

This module covers what you and your governing board must do to fulfil the governance safeguarding role.

You will cover:

- what safeguarding and child protection is.
- the purpose and effect of legislation and statutory guidance.
- what trusts, schools and their boards and staff need to do to establish sound safeguarding practice.
- what is expected of governors, trustees and local governors in relation to safeguarding.
- ways in which those governing should work with school staff to create a safe school culture and environment.
- the strategic oversight and monitoring of safeguarding in your school or trust.

Study time 1 hour 30 minutes

Certificate upon completion.

