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Dear Councillor Bletsoe,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November regarding safeguarding training for School Governors following the Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) in Bridgend.

Safeguarding of learners is of paramount importance to the Welsh Government. All education settings in Wales have a legal duty to ensure that children have access to a safe learning environment; we expect these safeguarding responsibilities to be taken seriously.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring their school governors have the training and information to carry out their roles effectively. Part of the mandatory induction training that all governors must undertake includes a section on the wellbeing and safeguarding of learners. This can be found [here](#).

You may be interested to know that, following recommendations from the Children's Commissioner for Wales, the Welsh Government is currently reviewing the mandatory content of the [induction training guidance for governors](#).

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for raising this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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