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GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE: UNDERSTANDING THE ISI INSPECTION FRAMEWORK



Target Audience

This course is designed for school proprietors, governors, trustees, board members, and compliance officers in independent schools inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). It is highly relevant to those affiliated with HMC, GSA, IAPS, ISA, Society of Heads or AGBIS member schools.

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2025

4.00PM TO 6.30PM

Course Purpose

Are your governors inspection-ready? This essential online training provides the clarity, context, and confidence needed to navigate the ISI inspection framework introduced in September 2023.

Key Questions We Address

- What are the core expectations of the updated ISI framework, and how have they evolved over the past two years of inspection?
- How do the Independent School Standards Regulations (ISSRs) and National Minimum Standards (NMS) apply to your setting?
- What is your role as a governor in both supporting and holding the senior leadership team to account?
- How do you ensure the Headteacher is delivering the highest possible standards in safeguarding, academic provision, and pupil wellbeing?

Training Content

1. Understanding Compliance in Practice
ISI inspections assess how effectively a school meets the ISSRs, NMS (for boarding), and EYFS statutory requirements. With over 30 key areas evaluated during a standard inspection, this training demystifies what these standards mean for governance—and what evidence inspectors expect to see.

2. Common Pitfalls and Governor Responsibilities
You will gain insight into the most common compliance failures across independent schools and learn how to proactively monitor, question, and support school leaders. This course will not cover every individual standard, but it will equip you with a robust framework for self-review and next steps in preparing your school for inspection.

3. Governance and Strategic Oversight
We will explore the governor's role in safeguarding, curriculum oversight, stakeholder communication, leadership accountability, and policy evaluation. Practical examples and scenarios will help participants understand how to demonstrate impact as a governing body during inspection.

4. Boarding, EYFS and Broader Regulatory Expectations
If your school includes EYFS or boarding, your compliance responsibilities are significantly wider. This course covers the critical areas of EYFS and NMS governance, focusing on how board members can monitor practice, ensure legal compliance, and understand the distinctions between policy ownership and operational delivery.

Outcome

By the end of this session, you will be empowered to:

- Conduct a meaningful compliance audit
- Identify strengths and risks within your governance oversight
- Engage more effectively with the senior leadership team
- Prepare with purpose for the next ISI inspection cycle

Speaker: Beth Harris

Beth Harris is a senior education associate with JMC Education. She is an experienced school improvement consultant and former school principal with a proven record of preparing leadership teams and governance boards for ISI inspections. With extensive experience working with proprietors, boards, and governors across a wide range of independent school groups, including HMC, GSA, and AGBIS affiliates, the trainer brings strategic insight and practical clarity to complex regulatory requirements.

Having supported over 60 schools in readiness for inspection, including developing compliance audits, governance training, policy reviews, and SLT development programmes, they are uniquely placed to deliver this training. The trainer has also led executive coaching programmes for school leaders, advised on statutory documentation, and delivered bespoke online governance sessions tailored to the ISI framework.

This session has been crafted to empower governors with the understanding and confidence needed to fulfil their statutory duties and actively contribute to whole-school improvement under the current ISI inspection framework.

Details

The Webinar will be online, using Zoom, and delegates will be sent a code in order to sign in. Delegates will be provided with all the materials and the Powerpoint as a pdf.

Cost Per Delegate

SATIPS MEMBER SCHOOLS EARLY BOOKING (PRIOR TO 24 SEPTEMBER 2025)	£63
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