



Welcome to the last governance newsletter of the academic year.

Annual Schedule of Governing Board Business 2023-24

We are pleased to be able to share our annual schedule of governing board business for 2023-24.

[Annual schedule of governing board business 2023-24](#)

NB Some dates have not yet been confirmed (eg SFVS deadline). We will let you know as soon as we have them.

Schools Forum – governor representatives needed

Schools' Forum provides an opportunity for schools to contribute to finance strategy in Oxfordshire and to network with other representatives of all sectors of education from nursery to post-sixteen.

The government requires every local authority to set up a schools' forum.

Its purpose is to provide strategic direction for the funding of schools in the local authority and support services in relation to new school funding arrangements

Governor or trustee self-nominations are now requested from the following school types:

- Primary (maintained) – 1 governor
- Special (academy or maintained) – 1 trustee or governor
- Primary (academy) – 1 trustee or governor
- Secondary (academy) - 3 trustees or governors

For further details on how to nominate (including self-nominations), please follow this link: [Schools Forum Governor Representatives | Schools \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

DfE Announcements and updates

EYFS Framework

Changes have been made to the standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

[Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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Schools causing concern

The guidance has been updated to reflect changes to Ofsted's inspection process in relation to a school judged inadequate solely due to ineffective safeguarding. Changes have also been made to bring text on trust-level intervention (formerly financial intervention in academies) into line with the updated academy trust handbook.

[Schools causing concern - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

SENCO qualifications

Information about the mandatory qualifications special educational needs co-ordinators (SENCOs) must gain within 3 years of taking up their post has been published

[Mandatory qualification for SENCOs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

SATS results – national headlines

Provisional headline national Key stage 2 SATS results data has been published.

[Key stage 2 attainment 2023: national headlines - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Statistics: key stage 2 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Attainment in maths and writing SATs increases compared to 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Length of the school week

Non-statutory guidance and case studies for schools in England wanting to increase the length of their school week, including those delivering below the minimum 32.5 hours has been updated.

[Length of the school week - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

New plan to deliver high quality PE and sport for all pupils

Government confirms two-year plan to boost quality and equal access to PE and sport.

[New plan to deliver high quality PE and sport for all pupils - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

PE and Sport Premium

The guidance has been updated for the academic year 2023 to 2024. This shows schools how to use the funding more effectively and highlights the importance of sustainability and equal access for all pupils. It confirms that schools must spend the funding in the academic year it has been allocated for. There is also a new section on the upcoming digital tool.

[PE and sport premium for primary schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Governor Services training programme

Our [Autumn term training programme](#) is now available with booking open on GovernorHub for all courses. See below for details of how to book.

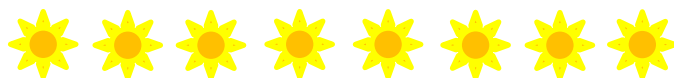
If you have any suggestions regarding training that you would like us to deliver, please do let us know by writing to governorservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk

How to book training

Training can be booked by using the Oxfordshire Governor Services link on Governor Hub and then clicking on the [Training heading](#).

For Governors without access to these pages bookings can be made:

- By email to GovernorServices@Oxfordshire.gov.uk
- By phone on 03300 249046



This is our last update of the academic year.

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to supporting your work with Oxfordshire schools next academic year.

Our advice line (phone and email) will be available all summer should you need to get in touch.



...for everything you do for children in Oxfordshire

With very best wishes from

The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team - Tim, Joanne and Helen