



Welcome to our governance newsletter.

Just a few national updates, and some training and free event news to bring to you this week.

DfE and national updates

Academy conversion: surplus and deficit balance transfer process

Guidance for schools and local authorities on what happens if a school has a budget surplus or deficit when it converts to academy status has been updated.

[Academy conversion: surplus and deficit balance transfer process - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academy-conversion-surplus-and-deficit-balance-transfer-process)

Installing temporary buildings on school sites with RAAC

Guidance on installing temporary buildings on school sites affected by reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). [Installing temporary buildings on school sites with RAAC - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/installing-temporary-buildings-on-school-sites-with-raac)

Sir Martyn Oliver confirmed as the next Ofsted chief inspector

The privy council has confirmed today that they have approved Sir Martyn Oliver as the next HMCI for Ofsted.

[Sir Martyn Oliver confirmed as the next Ofsted chief inspector - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sir-martyn-oliver-confirmed-as-the-next-ofsted-chief-inspector)

Oxfordshire updates

Independent Education Commission update

A letter regarding [The Education Commission](#) has been sent to all schools this week. Written by Lynda Poole, Interim Deputy Director of Education and Kim James, Head of Service School Improvement, it includes a link to the final report and provides an update on some next steps.

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The full report and recommendations of the commission are available to read by visiting Oxfordshire County Council's website [OEC Report 11.09.2023.pdf \(oxfordshire.gov.uk\)](#). A copy of the press release is available [here](#)

We encourage all school governors to read the report and consider the findings.

Inspiring Governance

Are you looking for skilled volunteers to join your governing board? Would you like to diversify how you find skilled volunteers to become governors at your school or multi academy trust?

Join Inspiring Governance for a lunchtime learning session hosted on Zoom with Richard Ellam, Head of School and Trust Support, suitable for anyone who is signed up to the Inspiring Governance recruitment tool, regardless of your experience of using it.

Thursday
9 November 2023

12.00-13.00

[Register](#)

Thursday
14 December 2023

12.00-13.00

[Register](#)

Thursday
11 January 2024

12.00-13.00

[Register](#)

Oxfordshire Governors' Association – **Autumn Meeting tomorrow**

“Inclusive Schools: how can we support reality rather than the myth?”

Saturday 11th November 2023 10:00 – 12:15

Refreshments from 09:45, free buffet lunch 12:15-12:45

Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington OX5 2NT

Guest Speaker, Margaret Mulholland

Margaret Mulholland is a specialist in inclusivity and Special Educational Needs

Please email judith.bennetts@outlook.com with your name and school to book your place.

[Oxfordshire Governors' Association \(oga4schoolgovernors.org.uk\)](http://OxfordshireGovernors'Association(oga4schoolgovernors.org.uk))

Heads & Chairs Briefing – FREE Briefing

This term's Heads and Chairs briefing takes place on **23rd November at 4pm.**

We would encourage a governor from each board to attend – another governor can attend in place of the Chair. Bookings can be made through GovernorHub or by emailing Governor Services as usual [Heads and Chairs Briefing](#)

Governor Services training programme

Full details of our [Autumn term training programme](#) can be found here. See below for details of how to book.

The training programme for the Spring term will be published soon, with bookings opening during November.

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



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Hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Our next news update will be published on Friday 24th November 2023.

With very best wishes from

The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team – Tim, Helen and Ruth