



Welcome to our governance newsletter

As we reach the end of another busy autumn term, we would like to thank you for the part you play in improving outcomes for all children in Oxfordshire.



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DfE and national updates

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework

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

Change made:

Added the 'EYFS statutory framework for childminders' and the 'EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers'. You should use these documents from 4 January 2024.

[Find out more](#)



Oxfordshire updates

Annual Schedule of Governing Board Business - Update

A fully functioning version of the annual schedule is now available in our new Governor Services colours. The date of the SFVS deadline has been added, which is the only change.

[Annual Schedule of Governing Board business 2023-24 \(updated Dec 23\)](#)



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Priority action plan published to improve SEND services

Oxfordshire County Council has published the [local area partnership priority action plan](#) to improve services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A [news story for the publication of the PAP](#) has been published.

The plan responds to Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission's inspection report of SEND partnership services in July. A draft plan was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) on 24 October and was approved by Ofsted on 12 December.

Data Confirmation for maintained schools 2023 – Deadline TODAY

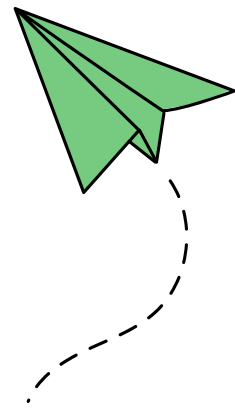
You will remember that we ask you to keep certain information up to date and accurate on GovernorHub. There are also statutory requirements to include this information on certain public websites.

This year we have decided to gather the information as a survey. It should not take long to complete. The link has been emailed to maintained school chairs of governors. Here is the link again, should you need it:

[Maintained Schools Data Confirmation 2023](#)

Thank you to all the boards who have already completed the survey this year. We are working our way through the requests for further information.

A reminder that we are asking for your response by TODAY



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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
11 January 2024
12.00-13.00

[REGISTER](#)

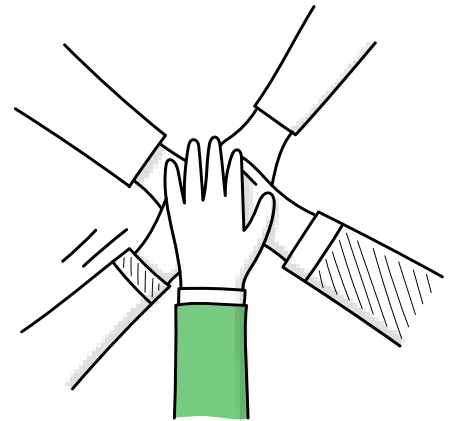
Governor Services Training

Spring Term training programme

The Spring term training programme is now available to book through the usual GovernorHub channels, or by emailing Governor Services. The full programme is available to view [here](#)

How to book

Training can be booked directly through [GovernorHub](#) for all maintained schools in Oxfordshire. Log into your account and click on the 'Oxfordshire Governor Services Training' tab.



If your school subscribes to training, there will be no additional charge for this training. All other bookings will be charged on a [pay as you use](#) basis.

For schools with no access to GovernorHub, bookings can be made by email to governortraining@oxfordshire.gov.uk

You must provide a **name** and **email address** so we can add your booking to our system and send you the joining link.

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Charging for training

Please do check whether your board has subscribed to the training package before booking. Those who govern at schools that subscribe can register for as much training as they like at no additional cost.

For those who govern at schools that do not currently subscribe, there is a charge to attend and schools will be invoiced after the event. Here are our current [Pay as You Go rates](#)

Any briefings or events that are free for anyone to attend are clearly marked as such.



...for everything you do for children in Oxfordshire

We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2024.

Our next news update will be published on Friday 19th January 2024.

With very best wishes from

The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team - Tim, Helen and Ruth

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