



Welcome to our governance news update

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year.

This half term we have delivered 11 training sessions to 297 attendees. The most popular courses have been Safeguarding and Induction. We hope that you have been able to apply the training in your own setting.

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DfE and national updates

Education Select Committee report findings on Ofsted inquiry

Findings and recommendations on improving Ofsted's work with schools

[Ofsted's work with schools - Education Committee \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-select-committee/publications/2023/ofsted-work-with-schools)

Wraparound childcare: guidance for schools and trusts in England

New non-statutory guidance has been published today which explains the role of schools and academy trusts in supporting parents to access wraparound childcare

[Wraparound childcare: guidance for schools and trusts in England \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/123456/7-2023-wrap-around-childcare-guidance-for-schools-and-academy-trusts-in-england)



Oxfordshire updates

Schools Financial Values Standard (SFVS) deadline TODAY

SFVS is a mandatory return for all maintained schools. All Oxfordshire maintained schools are required to complete their SFVS by the submission date, which is **TODAY**. Although it does not require any external assessment a copy of each completed SFVS signed by the Chair of Governors must be sent to the local authority.



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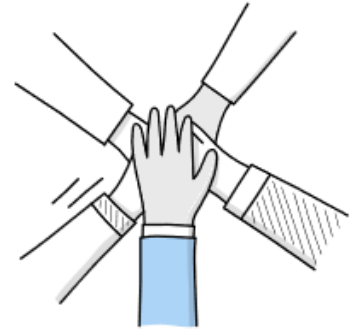
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We are recruiting Clerks to Governors

The OCC Clerking Service provides professional clerks to local schools throughout the county and is currently seeking new clerks to meet demand.

If you enjoy building excellent working relationships and have good administrative skills, this could be a great opportunity for you to broaden your experience through a varied, interesting and flexible role.

Please refer to the [jobs pages](#) on the Oxfordshire County Council website for full details and to submit an online application by the deadline of **18th February**.



Kim James MBE

Dear All

I would like to inform you that after 6 years of service with Oxfordshire County Council, Kim James MBE (Head of Service for Learning and School Improvement), will be leaving us at the end of the spring term for pastures new.

Kim has led School and Early Years leaders over the last six years in Oxfordshire including through the Covid-19 pandemic. I know we would all want to wish her the very best for the future.

I will be in touch regarding next steps in covering the post in due course.

Kind Regards

Professor Dr Kate Reynolds

Interim Deputy Director of Education

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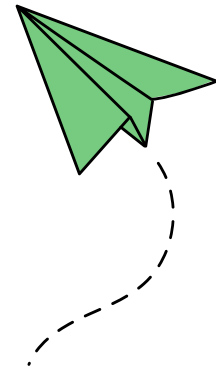
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Data Confirmation for maintained schools 2023 - overdue

A reminder to all maintained boards to complete the data confirmation survey. This survey can be completed by the chair, vice chair or governance professional (clerk)

[Maintained Schools Data Confirmation 2023](#)

We will be contacting boards that have not responded.



Governor Services Training

Heads and Chairs Briefing – Free to attend

The next Heads and Chairs briefing will be held on **Thurs 29th February at 16:00.**

If your chair of governors is unable to attend, please feel free to send another governor in their place.

[Book a place](#)



Governor Services training programme

We are now halfway through the Spring term training programme. It has been wonderful to have such great attendance at our sessions. We hope you are finding it useful. The full programme is available to view [here.](#)

The Summer term training programme will be available after the half term holiday.

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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.

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.



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Our next news update will be published on Friday 1st March 2024.

With very best wishes from

The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team - Tim, Helen and Ruth

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