



Welcome to our governance news update

Our Governor Services training programme for the academic year ended on Monday – 66 governor training sessions, 1395 attendees, 5 free governor briefings, 3 free governance professional briefings, 15 governance professional training sessions and 7 free events and one-off courses.

Thank you for coming along and contributing. We hope you have found them useful in your governance work. We always enjoy hearing and understanding the perspectives you bring from our wide range of settings.

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News Update

National Updates

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) 2025 update

The DfE have advised us that KCSiE 2025 will be published 'for information' this month (no date has been given) and the final version will be published in September as usual.



We have been advised that there are no substantial changes, any changes are technical in nature - for example changes to dates, updates to weblinks and the inclusion of links to additional sources of information and guidance which schools may find helpful.

Updated Governance Guidance

The DfE has released new versions of:

- [Maintained Schools Governance Guide](#)
- [Academy Trusts Governance Guide](#)

Details of the key changes can be found by clicking on the above links and the Updates link under the title of each document. It should be noted that there are no substantive changes to policy.

- [Academy trust handbook 2025: effective from 1 September 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

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Working lives of teachers and leaders wave 3: workload report

Findings from qualitative study on the workload of teachers and leaders.



[Working lives of teachers and leaders wave 3: workload report - GOV.UK](#)

Thousands of children with SEND to benefit from assistive tech

Government launches innovative pilot with up to £1.7m available to help children with SEND achieve and thrive at their local school.

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Oxfordshire Updates

Welcome to the new Assistant Director of Schools and Settings – Kim Wilson

Dear all,

I would like to formally introduce myself as I have now officially started at Oxfordshire County Council. I have been appointed as Assistant Director of Schools and Settings (Standards, Effectiveness and Performance) and prior to this role I have been a teacher for over 21 years. My background has spanned the age ranges of 2 – 19 which has included opening a Free School in 2018 for children 2- 18 (with a 52 place nursery) as well as overseeing and leading multiple schools – the vast majority in areas of deprivation. I have been an Executive Headteacher of Primary and Secondary schools, Assistant Director of Sheffield City Council and most recently a CEO of a MAT in the South West.



I have a great passion for developing new entrants to the profession and have opened and led Teaching Schools as well as being part of ITE/PGCE policy and reform teams in the North.

I am thrilled to be working in the County and I am incredibly excited to get to know you all. I am very keen to conduct face to face visits and please do reach out if there is anything special you would like me to know or to attend in your schools or settings. I would sincerely love to meet some of your young people – after all, they are the ones who tell it like it is!

From an operational perspective, Zaheer Ahmed will continue to be present and work with me over the coming weeks and months. In this period of handover, you will most likely hear from both of us. Any significant changes will be communicated to you in a timely manner – I, of all people know how important this is.

Finally, please find my contact details below. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time – and I will endeavour to reach you as soon as possible.
For now, look after yourselves and I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Governor Services Briefing slides

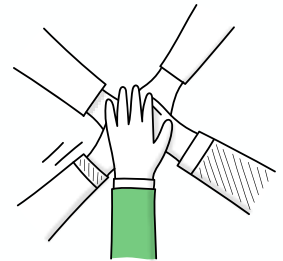
Thank you to everyone who attended our last briefing of the year last week. It was lovely to see and hear from you all.

As promised, the slides from the briefing are now available and can be found here, along with our newsletters:

[About Governor Services | Oxfordshire Schools](#)

This includes the slides for the presentations on Early Years, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Safeguarding.

We will be continuing with our regular Governor Services briefings next year and we hope to see you there.



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Traded Services Buyback

The buyback window has now closed. We will be checking through the requests over the next few weeks and getting in contact where there are queries.



If you have missed the window, please do get in touch and we will try to help.

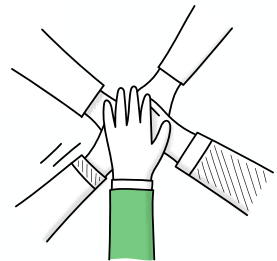
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Governor Services autumn training programme

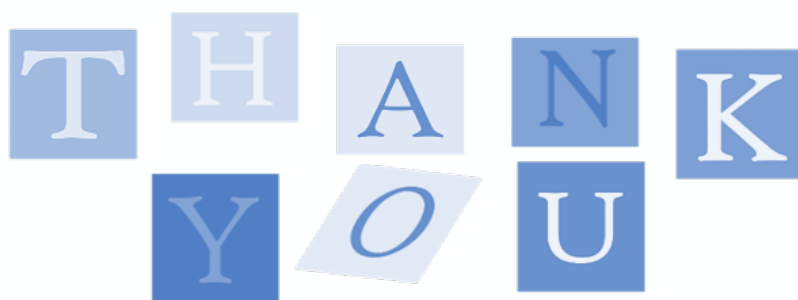
Our autumn term training programme is now available for booking. Sessions can be booked on [GovernorHub](#) or by emailing governortraining@oxfordshire.gov.uk



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...for everything you do for children in Oxfordshire

Our last newsletter for this academic year will be published on Friday 18th July 2025.

With very best wishes

The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team -

Zaheer, Kim, Rachel, Helen and Ruth

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