



## Welcome to our governance news update

Hello

September really has seen us move from high summer into autumn in just a couple of weeks.

A busy term but a quieter newsletter this week in terms of DfE updates, but the updates we have should prove very useful. And we have our own big news to tell you about in case you didn't see our recent email.

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## News Update

### National Updates

#### Effective governance resources

A range of resources to support good governance for both maintained schools and academy trusts, put together by the DfE in conjunction with a range of bodies supporting good governance (see link for details). [Effective governance resources - GOV.UK](#)

NB No new guidance is included



There are sections on:

- [Working with governance professionals \(clerks\): resources](#)
- [Governing strategically in your school or academy trust: resources](#)
- [Producing effective board reports for strong governance: resources](#)
- [Creating an effective and agile governance structure: resources](#)

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### Oxfordshire Updates

#### Important update on our service: Moving away from GovernorHub

We hope that you received our email, sent last Thursday, in which we announced that Oxfordshire Governor Services will be moving away using GovernorHub over the course of the academic year.

In the event that you missed this important email, please find the full text here [Important Update: Transition from GovernorHub | Oxfordshire Schools](#)

Please do join us at this term's **FREE Governor Services Briefing** next Thursday to find out some more details, and to ask any questions you may have. Places can be booked here: [Governor Briefing](#)

#### Cyber Security

"Governing bodies need to understand the considerable damage cyber security attacks can cause to their schools. At least one governor should complete cyber security training." [DfE Maintained Schools Governance Guide](#)

[School cyber security questions for governors - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

[Elevate Cyber Security Toolkit | LGFL](#)

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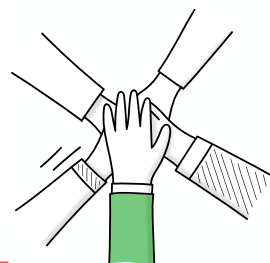
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### Governor Services Training

#### Governor Services training programme

Our autumn term training programme is now in full swing. Details of the full autumn programme can be found [here](#) and sessions can be booked on [GovernorHub](#) or by emailing [governortraining@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:governortraining@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



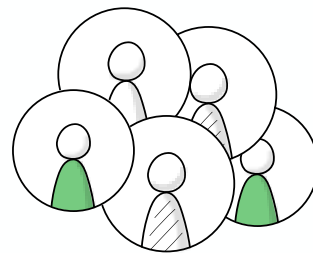
#### Free briefings

We will be continuing our free briefings throughout the next academic year, so please do sign up. Topics will vary, so watch out nearer the time for an agenda.

The first governor briefing of the year will be held **on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 18:00**

If you have access to Governor Services GovernorHub you can book a place here: [GovernorHub](#)

If not, please email us and we can book a place for you.



#### Free Training sessions

The next FREE training event of the year is [The Governors' role in healthy schools: smoking, vaping and tobacco dependency](#)

taking place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 19:00-20:30**

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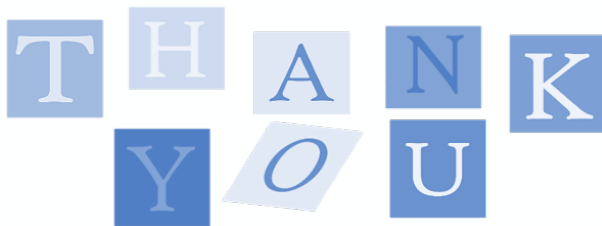
### Charging for training

**Please check if your board has subscribed to the Governor Services training package before booking.**

Governors at schools that subscribe can register for as much training as you like at no additional cost.

**For governors at schools that do not currently subscribe, there is a charge to attend**, and schools will be invoiced after the event. Please see the [Pay as You Go rates](#). Any free briefings or events are clearly indicated.

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With best wishes

*The Oxfordshire Governor Services Team -*

*Kim, Helen and Ruth*

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