

Governor Support Service

Clerks Briefing Meeting

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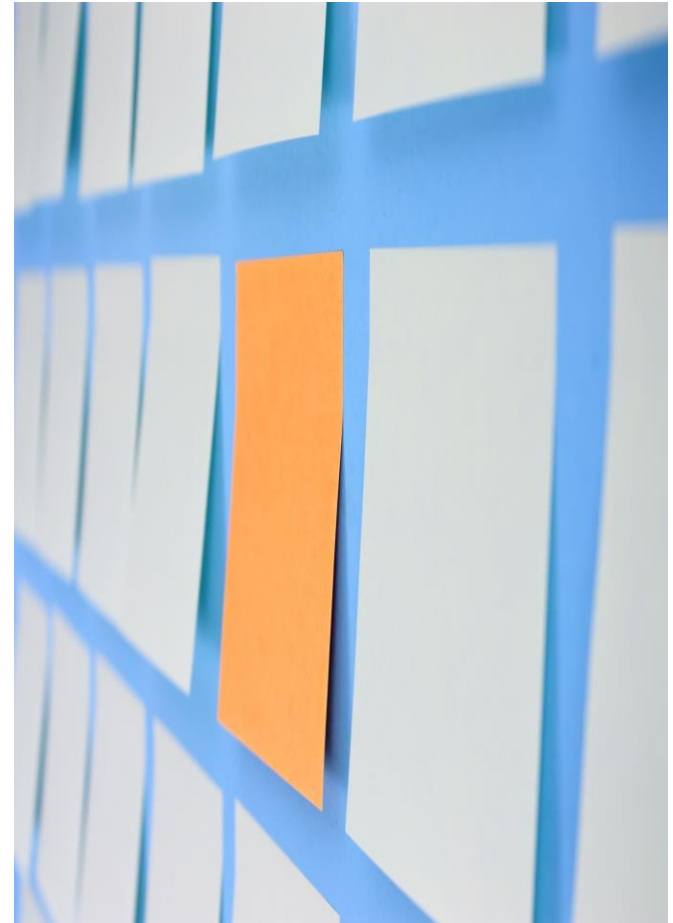


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Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ Housekeeping/Reminders
- ✓ DfE News and Updates
- ✓ Academy Updates
- ✓ Ofsted – News and Updates
- ✓ Other News



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Housekeeping/Reminders

- ✓ Dates/times of future Clerk briefings
- ✓ Keep your governor database and ours up to date
- ✓ Providing us with a copy of your FGB and Committee meeting minutes
- ✓ Ensure that the school website is up to date and accurate
- ✓ Training – remind your governors of training available
- ✓ GSS website – access to the secure area
- ✓ Hillingdon Governors Termly meeting - TBC
- ✓ Help your FGB plan ahead – year planner?
- ✓ GSS - Christmas Closure



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DfE News and Updates



Reopening Schools

- ✓ The DfE has updated its guidance on the full reopening of schools including supporting children and young people with SEND.
- ✓ The guidance on supporting children and young people with SEND focusses on the practical steps local authorities, educational settings, and parents or carers may wish to take. The latest update also confirms that the flexibilities introduced in response to COVID-19 will come to an end on 25 September 2020.
- ✓ The DfE have issued guidance on the wearing of face masks in schools for years 7 and above.

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DfE News and Updates cont.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- ✓ To tackle this issue, the DfE have launched their Wellbeing for Education Return.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020

- ✓ Keeping Children Safe in Education has been updated for the start of the new academic year; the updated guidance can be found here.

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DfE News and Updates cont.



Teachers Pay and Conditions

In July, education the DfE accepted recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body on teachers' pay. These changes affect all teachers paid under the terms of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).

Performance Management

Maintained schools must continue to adhere to the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD), which includes the requirement to ensure that all pay progression for teachers is linked to performance management.

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DfE News and Updates cont.



Relationships and Sex Education

From September 2020, Relationships Education will become compulsory in all primary schools in England and Relationships and Sex Education compulsory in all secondary schools, as well as making Health Education compulsory in all state-funded schools. The guidance can be found [here](#).

Primary PE and Sports Premium Funding

It has been confirmed that £320M of PE and Sport Premium funding has been allocated for the 2020/21 academic year.

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DfE News and Updates cont.

Service pupil premium (SPP)

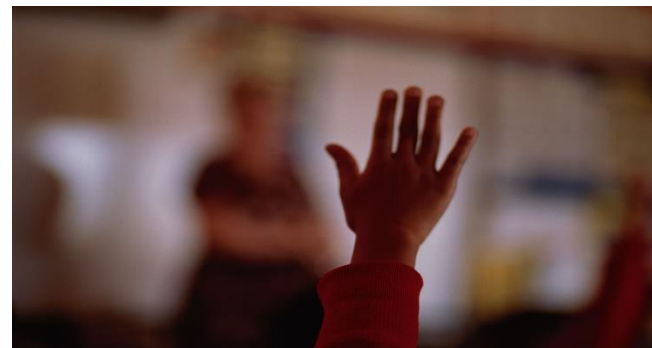
State schools, academies and free schools in England, which have children of service families in school years reception to year 11, can receive the SPP funding. Find out more [here](#).

Catch-Up Premium

All mainstream schools will receive, per term, funding totalling £80 per pupil; special schools and alternative provisions will receive £240 per place in the 2020/21 academic year.

Early years support package to help close Covid language gap

Schools have until 30th October 2020 to sign up for an early years 'catch up' programme.



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DfE News and Updates cont.



Checklist for school leaders on behaviour and attendance

✓ The DfE have published a behaviour and attendance checklist for mainstream school leaders to help support them in re-engaging their pupils from the autumn term. This checklist can be accessed [here](#).

Pupil Exclusions - Statutory Exclusion Guidance

The end of August has seen the DfE add an addendum to its statutory exclusions guidance, '*Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England (2017)*'. The updated guidance can be reviewed in full [here](#).

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DfE News and Updates cont.



Schools financial value standard (SFVS) 2020 to 2021

- ✓ The dashboard enables schools to look at where they stand on a range of measures compared to similar schools. The checklist asks questions of governing boards across 6 areas of resource management. It provides clarification for each question, examples of good practice, and details of further support available to assist schools in addressing specific issues.
- ✓ The checklist is worth discussing in your governing board committees during the autumn term. Further details can be found here

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DfE News and Updates cont.

EYFS Framework

Governors should be aware of the fact that the DfE has put together a new non-statutory curriculum guidance for EYFS entitled Development Matters.

School Website

- ✓ Exclusions
- ✓ The School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020



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Academy Updates

Academies Financial Handbook 2020

The Academies Financial Handbook (AFH) has been updated from 1st September 2020 and can be accessed [here](#).

Academies Accounts Direction (AAD)

The ESFA has published the Academies Accounts Direction for the year ending 31st August 2020. The AAD can be accessed [here](#).

ESFA Update

A weekly newsletter containing actions and information for ESFA-funded organisations.



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Ofsted News and Updates



Interim Visits

- ✓ The lead Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) will write a short letter after each interim visit. Visits will normally last for a day. These visits will be starting from 28th September 2020.
- ✓ It is expected that the normal Ofsted inspection cycle will resume in January 2021.

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Other news



Governing Board Meetings

- ✓ How should these take place going forward?

Governor/Trustee appointments (NGA Advice)

- ✓ where schools can hold staff governor/trustee elections, they need to allow any isolating staff to vote (this could be via email or post)
- ✓ consider running elections for parent governors/trustees electronically (need to ensure the process is fair and secure).
- ✓ If schools are unable to carry out elections, they may:

continue to function with vacancies until such time it possible to hold governor/trustee elections;

use governors/trustees whose terms have expired in an associate and/or advisory capacity; and/or

Governing boards can continue to identify and recruit new volunteers to the board.

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Other news

Health and Safety Executive spot-checks

Governors should be aware of the fact that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has confirmed that it will be carrying out spot-checks in schools as they return to full capacity. Spot checks will take the form of an initial phone call. Calls made to schools will evaluate knowledge DfE Guidance for full opening - School (England) and the control measures required under health and safety legislation.

Useful Websites

Please see the Newsletter

Questions?



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