

Governor Support Service

Clerks Briefing Meeting

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5th June 2025

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Agenda

- ✓ Welcome & Introductions
- ✓ Information Exchange
- ✓ Support and Resources
- ✓ Current Issues and Updates
- ✓ Clerking Vacancies
- ✓ Q&A
- ✓ Future Planning



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DfE consultation reminders:

- Equality & Race & Disability Bill (10th June)
- Space requirements in early years & childcare settings (11th July)

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Suggested agenda items

- Letter of thanks from Minister for School Standards
- Teachers pay award
- Flexible working
- Link between attendance & attainment
- Getting the best value

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Suggested agenda items



- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- SEND reform
- External reviews of governance
- By the end of this term the report on PE and Sport premium must be published on school website. All schools must use the digital reporting form
- Rise Teams

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Ofsted

- Ofsted will not carry out any routine inspections in the autumn term until 3rd November
- The revised inspection framework implemented from 3rd November
- Rewrite of tool kits
- New `suspend and review` for schools judged inadequate for leadership and management solely due to ineffective safeguarding
- If leaders can resolve the safeguarding issues within 3 months, school will be revisited within 3 months
- Parent View

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- ✓ **Academy reserves**
- ✓ **Academy budget forecast return**
- ✓ **Equality & Human Rights Commission**
- ✓ **Child Poverty and the role of schools**

Suggested agenda items and reminders

- Review of recruitment and retention pressures (including current vacancies and use of temporary contracts)
- Gender pay analysis (particularly in leadership roles)
- Teacher workload, Pupil teacher ratio and class size monitoring
- Pay progression policy – alignment with market conditions
- Early career teacher induction and support strategy
- Preparation for 2025–26 pay award implementation and associated budget pressures
- Review and approve service level agreements
- Headteacher appraisal (appoint 2/3 governors, agree date, and arrange external reviewer to support panel) Training course for those who may need it. Details on page 10 of the briefing

Help us to help you

Please let us know about any:

- ❖ Board appointments, reappointments, and resignations
- ❖ Contact emails and mobile numbers of members of the board
- ❖ Dates of appointment and term of office category of governor positions held, i.e., chair, vice chair, committee chair, member of a committee, link governor
- ❖ Copies of the approved board minutes
- ❖ It is important that you keep your GIAS establishment record up to date so that the DfE can always contact you or your chair if needed.
- ❖ Let us know if you or any of your colleagues can help us with interim or substantive clerking please

Additional courses for the summer & autumn term



- **Headteacher appraisal**
Wednesday 18th June at 6.30pm
- **Just for clerks, planning & managing governing board hearings**
Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm
- **Health and Safety in Schools**
Thursday 26th June at 6.00pm
- **Online safety for governors**
Tuesday 1st July at 10.00am
- **New Ofsted inspection framework**
Wednesday 8th October at 6.30pm
- **Making sense of school data**
Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm

Q&A

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Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting:

Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 10.00am

✓ Book a place [here](#)



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