

# THE WILTSHIRE GOVERNOR

Newsletter

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*Wiltshire School Governance Team – helping governors and trustees become more effective*

## Wiltshire Governor Conference Tuesday 19th November 2019 at the Corn Exchange, Devizes

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to reflect on the initial outcomes of the new framework and the implications for good practice in Governance. Come along to hear the key messages from the LA including the collective view of Wiltshire Standards and support for schools in Wiltshire, and to consider questions around inclusion in schools.

During the afternoon there will be a choice of workshops to include what governors should be considering when reviewing the areas of:

- Assessment and Data
- Finance
- Pupil Premium and disadvantaged learners
- Curriculum
- Maths and English
- School attendance

It is free for governors to attend and delegates will need to indicate their choice of workshops when booking a place: <http://rightchoice.wiltshire.gov.uk/T103383>

Ideally, at least one governor from each school in Wiltshire will attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Development for Chairs

This programme for chairs, vice chairs, committee chairs and future chairs provides opportunities for developing leadership skills and confident governance.

**Cost:** Funding is now available up to the value of **£1,000** – equivalent to two places at the full cost of the programme.

**Next step:** Find out more and book your place [here](#).

**Available to book for the coming academic year 2019/20:**

Area	Pre-work begins	First face-to-face session
Wiltshire	16 November	15 January

## New Ofsted primary inspection data summary report (IDSR) released

To coincide with the new inspection framework, the government is updating the data dashboard inspectors will see before they visit a school. This is known as the inspection data summary report (IDSR). This week, the IDSR for primary schools has been updated, with the secondary dashboard to follow shortly.

As an important resource for school leaders, including governors and trustees, the DfE has [released guidance](#) around what the new IDSR contains. While still retaining information on school context, progress, attainment, absences, attendance, exclusions and destinations, the primary IDSR is now a shorter document and will focus on subjects taught across year groups. There will also be less emphasis on individual pupil groups. The IDSR will also contain statements relating to “areas of interest” that inspectors may want to explore in an inspection.

Governors and trustees are strongly recommended to look at their schools IDSR. This will give them an independent assessment of the strengths and weaknesses in their school which they can then supplement with [other sources of information](#) such as reports from the executive, other data dashboards and feedback from stakeholders. The IDSR is available to download through a schools' Analyse School Performance (ASP) dashboard.

### Primary Schools:

Monday 2 December 2019	The Angel Hotel, Chippenham	09:30-12:30
Wednesday 11 December 2019	The Stones Hotel, Salisbury	09:30-12:30

### Secondary Schools:

Thursday 13 February 2020	Abbeyfield School, Chippenham	18:00-20:00
Wednesday 26 February 2020	St. Joseph's Catholic School, Salisbury	18:00-20:00

## Keeping Children Safe in Education

On 26 June 2019, the DfE published a revised version of the [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(KCSIE\) statutory guidance](#).

The changes are of a largely factual and technical nature and include, amongst other things, new paragraphs on serious violence, up-skirting (now a criminal offence), and a link to the [departmental advice supporting schools to teach pupils how to stay safe online](#). A full breakdown of the changes is included at Annex H of the guidance.

Schools and colleges are reminded to have regard to Part 5 of the guidance, which covers managing reports of child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment. This was introduced for the first time in September 2018.

There is also detailed advice to support schools and colleges understand, [prevent and respond to reports of child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment](#).

## DfE Updates for Governors

The department for Education has started sending direct communications to those in school governance roles on a monthly basis. The first email went out on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, and highlighted various key messages from the department. It also highlighted other key activity, such as the new guidance collections on [gov.uk](#) that have been developed in recent weeks.

The emails will be published on gov.uk, and the first edition can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-governance-update>

The DfE would really value your feedback on this update, to ensure future editions are useful to you. The survey below contains only four questions, and it should take you no more than 60 seconds:

<https://forms.gle/LXpXwDNIWMG NUW2W6>

Please note. If you did not receive this email directly from the Department for Education, that is because they do not hold an up-to-date email address for you. To ensure you receive future updates directly, please ask your school admin team to update your contact details on the Get Information About Schools (GIAS) database.

## Relationships Education Policy

The Department for Education (DfE) has worked with NGA and the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) to produce [advice for primary schools on engaging with parents on their school's relationships education policy](#). This document provides information to schools on what is expected of them as well as advice, tips and case studies on effective parental consultation.

From September 2020, all primary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education. Schools will be required to have a policy, published on their website, setting out how they intend to approach the subject.

The advice refers to the important role that governors and trustees play in the engagement process working in partnership with their school leaders.

Thursday 28 November 2019	Chippenham Golf Club	10:00-12:00
Wednesday 26 February 2020	Corn Exchange, Devizes	18:00-20:00
Monday 15 June 2020	Diocesan Centre, Wilton	13:00-15:00

## Careers Development

The Careers Development Institute are running free webinars for Governors with responsibility for Careers in Secondary Schools.

Series 1 - November 11th & March 11th

Series 2 - January 13th & May 12<sup>th</sup>

The webinar is 4-5pm but by signing up the recording can be accessed any time. For more information and to sign up please visit:

<https://www.thecdi.net/Full-Webinar-Calendar/Career-Education-Information-Advice-and-Guidance---A-webinar-to-engage-and-support-school-college-Governors-free-webinar/68495>

**We look forward to seeing you at the Governor Conference on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

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