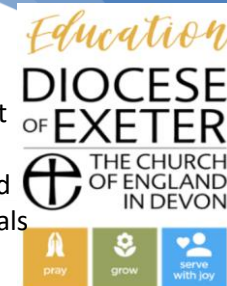


GOVERNANCE NEWSLETTER FROM THE DIOCESE OF EXETER EDUCATION TEAM



Dear Colleagues,

Governance has certainly been challenging during this pandemic and we have been so grateful for how Governors, Clerks, Directors, and Members have continued to contribute and support their education establishments. Virtual meetings and training have become the new 'norm'. The Education team continue to work alongside you and are here to support you in whatever way we can.

We have seen good attendance at our training events, and have just issued our Spring training programme.

There have been recommendations for a reform of the National Leaders of Governance in response to the Department for Education's aims to reform system leadership to ensure our school improvement support is as strong as possible. A new cadre of professionals under the new requirements are proposed to be in place from September 2021 to support Governing Boards. A copy of the paper can be found [here](#).

Looking back over this last half term it is clear just how much we have achieved as a family of schools. Thank you for your dedication and service.

Christina Mabin

Diocesan Education Adviser – Governance, School Admissions and School Organisation

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'. Matthew 11:28

Service Level Agreement: The Confederation of School Trusts have issued guidance to support well-being for education leaders. Schools have been under immense pressure and the effects on staff and school leaders has been recognised with the added pressures and reforms needed due to the pandemic. A copy of their report with advice and signposting to supportive materials can be read [here](#).

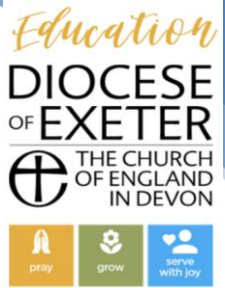
The Church School Governance Online Training Programme: An online Governor Training Programme specifically aimed at Church Schools and with significant discounts available for groups of governors from the same Diocese. Is available. The Hope Church School Governance Online Training Programme (CSGTP) is aimed at Governors and Trustees (Directors) in both church schools and schools with a distinctively Christian ethos, providing support for Governors and Trustees (Directors) committed to improving provision and outcomes for children and young people. The course aims to raise awareness of the changing expectations of Governing Boards and meeting today's challenges in the education sector, whilst holding on to the mission and vision of a church school. Key themes include the changing context, mission, vision and values, collaborative learning, decision making accountability. The course is available at a cost of £200, but for 2021 only, Liverpool Hope University is able to subsidise up to 40 places on this course, meaning that the first 40 applicants will pay just £50. Subsidised places are available on a first come first served basis. If you require any further information please contact cpd@hope.ac.uk

Training and network opportunities

- Diocesan Governance Forum: Tuesday 8th December 2020, 16:00 – 17:00
- Diocesan Governance Forum: Wednesday 27th January 2021, 16:00 – 17:00
- Diocesan Governance Forum: Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 16:00 – 17:00
- Clerk's Forum: Wednesday 27th January 2021, 09:30 – 12:30
- Governor/Director new induction training: Wednesday 2nd March 2021 17:00 – 18:30 and Wednesday 9th March 2021 17:00 – 18:30 (two part course)
- Governor Refresher training: Tuesday 2nd February 2021 10:00 – 12:00

There are many other courses Governors may wish to attend focussing on the RE curriculum and other areas. For more details please see our training programmes on our website www.exeter.anglican.org/schools.

Admission arrangements 2022 – 23: Thank you to everyone who has sent in their draft admission arrangements for 2022. If yours remain outstanding, please return them to schooladmissions@exeter.anglican.org as soon as possible. Please ensure that determining the admissions arrangements is an agenda item for your Full Governance Board at the meeting between 31st January and 28th February 2021. A copy of the determined arrangements and the date they were determined must be sent to both the Diocese and the Local Authority and published on your website by 15th March. Copies of the admission arrangements for the 2020 - 21, 2021-22 and the 2022 – 23 current draft must be published on your website in accordance with The School Admissions Code.



CLERK'S AND GOVERNOR'S INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Foundation Governor policy: Please see a copy of our Foundation Governors in VA and VC schools which can be found on our website [here](#) and takes effect from January 2021. The main changes to note are that we are recommending (with effect from September 2021) that Foundation Governors do not serve more than two terms of office unless there are exceptional circumstances, and a third term would need to be approved by the Diocese.

Foundation Governor and Foundation Director appointment and re-appointment forms: Please see our website for the latest version of these [forms](#) which should be completed by all new applicants as well as those wishing to serve a second term as a Governor / Director.

Email addresses: All communications should be sent to governance@exeter.anglican.org for VA maintained schools and federations, or to EDEN@exeter.anglican.org for Academies. These mailboxes are monitored by the team and by sending your queries to these mailboxes we can ensure there is no delay to your request. There is a secure email account with Egress which can be used with both accounts.

Changes to your Governing Board: Please keep us informed of any appointments and resignations to your Governing Board as they occur so that we can update our database. If it is preferable, Clerks to Devon LA schools can send us a copy of the 'form H' they use to notify Babcock LDP. Please see our website for our Privacy Notice.

Dates of EDEN Committee meetings: Academies who want EDEN to consider Foundation Director appointments and re-appointments need to have filed the forms with the Diocese seven days in advance of these meetings at which the applications are considered. Please note that the Diocesan Office is closed from 24th December until 2nd January 2021. Meetings have been scheduled for:

9th December 2020

14th January 2021

11th February 2021

24th March 2021

21st April 2021

5th May 2021

9th June 2021

14th July 2021