

# GOVERNANCE NEWSLETTER FROM THE DIOCESE OF EXETER EDUCATION TEAM



Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and are refreshed ready for the summer term. With so much governance happening virtually over the last 12 months I'm sure that you are looking forward to some face-to-face interactions with schools at some point soon.

Our training during the summer term will continue through Zoom. Please let us know if there are any gaps in your training needs which we may be able to help you with. As soon as it's possible we will begin to introduce a blended model of training.

Once again thank you for all your hard work and dedication, particularly over the last few months.

Kind regards,

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“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near.”

([Matthew 24:32](#))

**School Admissions:** Please note that the amended schools admissions code is due to be published this term along with new guidance from the DfE. All changes will take effect from September this year and as they are mandatory, there is no requirement to consult. We will be in touch to support the wording for your admission arrangements. School admissions training is being held this term and admissions updates in the Autumn term which we encourage you to attend.

**Training and network opportunities for [Summer 2021](#) can be found in our programme on our website:**

- Open Surgery Session: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 13:30 – 14.30. A drop in for school staff and governors
- Bridging the Diversity Gap with a focus on race: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 18:00. This course can be joined at a cost of £10.00 per delegate. For places please book using this [link](#)
- Diocesan Governance Forum: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 16:00 – 17:00  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 16:00 – 17:00
- Foundation member training (academies only): Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00 – 11:30
- School Admissions – Introduction: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 10:00 – 11:30
- Governor/Director Refresher training for those who have been re-appointed: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 16:30 – 18:30
- Governor/Director new induction training: Two part training on Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10:00 – 11:30  
Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> July, 16:30 – 18:00

**Please note that it is a requirement for all foundation governors to attend the induction training within the first 12 months of their term of office. For re-appointments foundations governors are expected to attend the refresher training.**

Please contact [educationevents@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org) for further details and bookings.

**Devon Association of Governance (DAG)** has a Clerk's forum on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 18:00. Clerks need to register in advance via [dagclerk@gmail.com](mailto:dagclerk@gmail.com).

**Government's [review](#) into sexual abuse in schools:** The Government has asked Ofsted to undertake an immediate review of safeguarding policies. There are lots of resources to support you, including those provided through your Local Authority. Browne Jacobson also has updated advice on managing reports of [child-on-child assault](#).

**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. Meetings have been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**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. This includes non-foundation governors / directors. 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. All changes must be recorded on Get Information About Schools (GIAS). Please see this [link](#) for a short video on how to make updates to meet this legal requirement.