



## **DGP Bulletin 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018** ***For School Governors by School Governors***

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## **Have you received details of our 2018-2019 Package?**

### **This includes:**

- ✓ **Our two package offers are Premium Package £560 or Core package £375 both inclusive of NGA Membership.**
- ✓ **The bolt – on options to these packages allow you to pick and mix support according to your needs with a 30% discount on most options for members.**
- ✓ **Our courses programme for the coming year with 30% discount to members.**
- ✓ **Options for MATs**

**Join the 100+ schools we work with to support governors and clerks.  
The evaluations of our work are excellent.  
It would be great to have you with us.**

**To buy into DGP for the next financial year contact Sharon Siddons**  
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## National Updates DfE

Click on these links for more details on:

- [Schools: statutory guidance](#)
- [Get into teaching](#)
- [School performance tables](#)
- [Get information about schools](#)
- [Early learning and childcare: guidance for providers](#)



14 February 2018 — News story

[Multiplication tables check trials to begin in schools](#)

Government follows up phonics success with new multiplication tables trial

28 February 2018 — News story

[New Advanced Maths Premium can open more doors for young people](#)

Schools will receive £600 for every additional pupil who takes an advanced maths qualification, helping to ensure Britain has skills for success in the future.

## NGA News.

### **The right people around the table: a guide to recruiting and retaining school governors and trustees**

Getting the right people around the table is one of the [eight elements of effective governance](#), and to support governing boards in recruiting and retaining skilled governors or trustees, National Governance Association (NGA) has updated and relaunched its well-received guide [the right people around the table](#).



## Local News

**GIP Meeting – do come along!**  
Governor Improvement Partnership Meeting  
7-9pm 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Derby Conference Centre  
London Road, Derby DE24 8UX

### **A facilitated discussion looking at our school curriculum**

There is currently a great emphasis on ensuring that the curriculum offer is broad and balanced.

- What is our role here?
- How do we find out about our school's curriculum?
- Does the curriculum we offer support the needs of our pupils?
- How do we monitor its effectiveness?

**GIP sessions are much valued as a real opportunity to collaborate, discuss, share ideas in a friendly group of governors. Book a place and join us.**

**No cost to DGP Package member schools, otherwise £25 per governor**

**Book place with Sharon Siddons**  
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### **Clerks' Network Meeting**

The next DGP Clerks' Network Meeting will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at Ashgate Nursery School, 18 Stepping Lane, Derby, DE1 1GL.**

All Clerks welcome, refreshments provided. They will be sharing current issues that Clerks are dealing with.

Please take note of the parking situation in the information below.

**Those attending need to be aware that the parking outside the nursery belongs to the housing association and parking tickets are issued if people do not have parking permits – so find a parking space nearby. There is two hours of parking on Slater Avenue which is close to the nursery.**

If you wish to book a place at this meeting, please email Sharon. There is no cost to DGP member schools and a charge of £10 for non-package schools.

## 2018 - 2019 DGP Course Programme

Please book your places with Sharon - don't forget there is a 30% DGP partner discount for all our courses. The DGP Board evaluates all of the feedback from our courses. Feedback continues to show that we are providing high quality training for governors and clerks. Do let Sharon know if there is anything you would like us to add to our annual course programme or if your governing board would be better served by an 'In School Support' session tailor made to your requirements.

**To book places at any of the events below please contact Sharon on [sharon@dgovp.org.uk](mailto:sharon@dgovp.org.uk) or telephone: 07771 252252.**

SPRING TERM 2018	
<p><b>Governor Induction Jan 2017 Hand Book</b>  <b>Competency area 1,2,4,5</b>                      This is an in-depth course which covers fully the core strategic functions expected of governors. An essential for all governors. Recommended for clerks                      Three sessions plus on going mentoring</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Chair of Governors, Independent Educational Consultant and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre, Derby DE24 8UX</p> <p>Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018                      £130.00 package or £190.00 non-package rate</p>
<p><b>Developing Effective Links with Parents and Carers</b>  <b>Competency area 1 Strategic Leadership</b>                      A strong link with parents and carers, involving them in their child's education is a very important aspect of school life and yet one not always easily achieved. The course looks at how governors can play a part here.</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Chair of Governors, Independent Educational Consultant and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre, Derby DE24 8UX</p> <p>Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018</p> <p>£50.00 package or £75.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Challenging Questions and Courageous Conversations in the interests of young people</b>  <b>Competency area 2 Accountability</b>                      Two of the NGAs components of strong governance                      How well are these embedded in your governing bodies practice?</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick – Chair of Governors, NLG, former Ofsted inspector and SIO</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018                      Flint Bishop Boardroom                      St Michaels Church, St Michael's Ln, Derby DE1 3HQ</p> <p>£50.00 package or £75.00 non-package</p>

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

<p><b>Writing effective agendas and minutes for clerks NEW</b>          Minutes are an important record of the governing body's work. Good minutes help governing bodies structure their work and make sure the statutory work is completed effectively so that there is time for generative conversations.</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre          Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>The Role of the SEND Governor</b>  <b>Competency area 5 Compliance</b>          SEND is the responsibility of ALL governors, not just the designated governor. How does your GB discharge this responsibility? Understand the principles of inclusion and how to champion the needs of SEND children in your school</p> <p><b>Sue Bradley - Executive Head of The Kingsmead and Newton's Walk PRU and Special School</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre          Date: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>The Governor role in school Performance Management</b>  <b>Competency area 2 Accountability</b>          One of our strategic functions is to hold the head to account for the performance management of staff. This is a fundamental system of bringing about school improvement and one which Ofsted will explore. How do you ensure your PM systems are robust? What is the governor role in this process?</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher - Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre          Date: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Evaluating Governance</b>  <b>Competency area 6 Evaluation</b>          Are you a self evaluating outward looking board? Do you know your strengths and what to do to improve weaker areas? 360 audits of the chair, annual reviews of contribution – how do they play a part in strengthening your effectiveness?</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre          Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Appraising your Clerk to Governors</b>  <b>Competency area 3 People</b>          Having a professional clerk to support your governing body is essential and appraising your clerk is a vital part of the process to support your clerk and their development.</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick –Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom          Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>

<p><b>Developing a Strategic Vision for your school</b>  <b>Competency area 1 Strategic Leadership</b>  Consider what this means for your governing body and set about achieving this with more confidence</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Governor Roles and Responsibilities</b>  <b>Competency area 4 Structures</b>  This course will focus on the two competency areas of People and Structures  The strategic nature of board, effective structures, people and team working in a professional way to bring about highly effective governance</p> <p><b>Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Safeguarding – The governor role</b>  <b>Competency area 5 Compliance</b>  Ofsted see Safeguarding as the ‘golden thread which impacts on all areas of inspection. Whilst there will be designated safeguarding governor ALL governors have a Safeguarding responsibility. How do you discharge this vital responsibility?</p> <p><b>Franky Boyland - Assistant Head at The Kingsmead School and Sandra Fletcher – NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p><b>Gathering first hand monitoring evidence</b>  <b>Competency area 2 Accountability</b>  Gain a greater understanding of the purpose of governor visits, how the evidence you gather support monitoring of the school development plan and strategic vision</p> <p><b>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</b></p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre  Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>