

DGP Bulletin 16th April 2018 ***For School Governors by School Governors***

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Local News

GIP Meeting – do come along!
Governor Improvement Partnership Meeting
7-9pm Wednesday 18th 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 so we will be exploring:

- 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 members.
Non DGP Package members £25 per governor
(please note: where places are booked but not taken your school will still be charged).

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National Updates

DfE

Funding boost for the arts to support talented pupils-

School Standards Minister Nick Gibb announces £96 million to support talented music, drama and dance pupils kick-start their career in the arts.



New measures to support children with SEND

A range of measures are being launched to provide support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Access childcare support through the childcare service

Apply for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare.



16 March 2018 — Open consultation

Children in need of help and protection: call for evidence

Call for evidence for what works in improving the educational outcomes of children in need.

- **Letters to academy trusts about poor performance**
- **GCSE new grading scale: factsheets**
- **30 hours free childcare: eligibility codes issued and validated**

NGA News

Your DGP membership gives you access to the NGA website and full details on these current topics and more:

[Update on forthcoming Reception Baseline Assessment](#)

[Praise for governors and trustees from the National Association of Headteachers](#)

[New analysis reveals England's need for 47,000 extra secondary teachers](#)

[IFS Analysis of Free School Meals under Universal Credit](#)

[Share your experiences of engaging with parents as a governing board](#)

[Schools will no longer be required to report pupil nationality data - probably!](#)

[Are you a trustee or clerk of a multi-academy trust?](#)

[NGA Clerks' Advisory Group](#)

[NGA Annual Summer Conference](#)

[New cohorts available: Governance Training for Chairs, Clerks & Boards funded by DfE](#)

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 or telephone: 07771 252252.

SPRING TERM 2018	
<p>Challenging Questions and Courageous Conversations in the interests of young people Competency area 2 Accountability Two of the NGAs components of strong governance How well are these embedded in your governing bodies practice?</p> <p>Chris Merrick – Chair of Governors, NLG, former Ofsted inspector and SIO</p>	<p>7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom St Michaels Court, Derby DE1 3HQ Date: Monday 23rd April 2018</p> <p>£50.00 package or £75.00 non-package</p>

SUMMER TERM 2018

<p>Writing effective agendas and minutes for clerks NEW 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>Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Wednesday 2nd May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>The Role of the SEND Governor Competency area 5 Compliance 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>Sue Bradley - Executive Head of The Kingsmead and Newton's Walk PRU and Special School</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Thursday 17th May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>The Governor role in school Performance Management Competency area 2 Accountability 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>Sandra Fletcher - Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Thursday 24th May 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>Evaluating Governance Competency area 6 Evaluation 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>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Wednesday 6th June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>Appraising your Clerk to Governors Competency area 3 People 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>Chris Merrick –Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Flint Bishop Boardroom Date: Monday 11th June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>

<p>Developing a Strategic Vision for your school Competency area 1 Strategic Leadership Consider what this means for your governing body and set about achieving this with more confidence</p> <p>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Thursday 14th June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>Governor Roles and Responsibilities Competency area 4 Structures 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>Chris Merrick – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Monday 18th June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>Safeguarding – The governor role Competency area 5 Compliance 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>Franky Boyland - Assistant Head at The Kingsmead School and Sandra Fletcher – NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Thursday 28th June 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>
<p>Gathering first hand monitoring evidence Competency area 2 Accountability 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>Sandra Fletcher – Independent Educational Consultant, Chair of Governors and NLG</p>	<p>7-9pm Derby Conference Centre Date: Tuesday 3rd July 2018</p> <p>£55.00 package or £80.00 non-package</p>