



Diocese of Chichester Governance E-Bulletin :

January 2022

Learning with meaning and purpose - to know God and shape the world

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' (*Romans 15:13*)



Dear colleagues,

May I wish you a happy New Year! Already the start of 2022 may seem a long time ago as we all face the challenges and dilemmas of the past three weeks. We are called to be a people of perseverance and you may have felt tried and tested in that virtue – and your headteacher most certainly will have!

So, I begin by expressing [...Click here to continue](#)

COVID-19 UPDATED SUPPORT

This term already schools will be faced with absences and challenges brought about by the Omicron variant. Many of our schools will have been considering whether meetings and visits to schools are advisable in the current context, not least with concerns about the wellbeing of headteachers and others. In the absence of specific guidance, it is only right that decisions are made locally. Without adding to the already pressurised role of the headteacher, the chair might want to continue with supportive conversations and most likely delay a continuation of in-person activity until the situation becomes clearer. Schools will welcome this responsible mitigation of the situation and making the pragmatic decision not to be in school and only holding virtual meetings that are absolutely necessary.

The Church of England decided to support school leaders by pausing SIAMS inspections this month and will review their decision at the end of the month. Ofsted decided not to use Inspectors who are serving headteachers, also for this month. Their capacity is therefore significantly reduced.

If you would find it useful to discuss any of the issues that affect governance, please do email or call our Governance Development Officer [Mike Simmonds](#).

Access the DfE website or if you are on Twitter follow @SchoolsWeek for ongoing updates on government policy and guidelines during this challenging time.

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new
GOVERNANCE TRAINING 2022

Safeguarding, Chairing, Clerking, Questioning skills, and much more

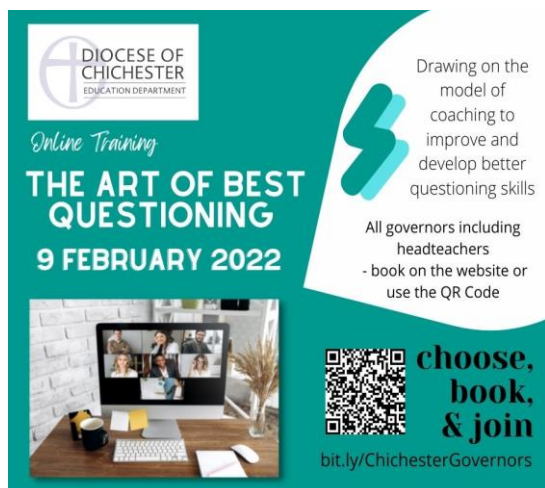
Virtual training sessions will be available from January 2022 - keep a watch on the training section of the website by using the QR Code or web address below

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Governance Training Programme

The programme of virtual development sessions for governors is now underway. All these can be booked through [Eventbrite](#). **Information about each course can be found following the link on the diocesan Eventbrite booking page to the relevant course.**

These are all new opportunities even where the title may sound familiar. Each one will be an opportunity to be inspired, informed, and supported in your role as a governor of a Church School. They will include the following:



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Online Training
THE ART OF BEST QUESTIONING
9 FEBRUARY 2022

Drawing on the model of coaching to improve and develop better questioning skills

All governors including headteachers
- book on the website or use the QR Code

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Online Training
NEW TO CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE
14 MARCH 2022

How to be Called, Connected and Committed to church school governance: focus on CoFE Vision

New governors and a refresh for the experienced
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Online Training
OFSTED MIGHT CALL
24 MARCH 2022

An overview of what to expect and be ready for the Ofsted interview

All governors
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Other sessions planned (details on Eventbrite):

- March: Network session for Chairs
- March: Clerking a Church School
- May: In Person, In School (Monitoring)
- June: Chair? Could this be me?
- June: Growing Partnerships



Online Training
**SAFEGUARDING
FOR GOVERNORS**
5 MAY 2022



Overview of safeguarding responsibilities with reference to CofE Safeguarding training content

All governors and especially Safeguarding governor - book on the website or use the QR Code



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All Schools should take safeguarding seriously. This course focuses on how Church of England school governors can be informed by a Christian understanding and all the statutory requirements. We must hold the needs of all children and especially the vulnerable in our thinking and practice.

Foundation Governors agree to attend Safeguarding training in the first year of their appointment. For that reason, we have designated a focus on this important area on **5th May 2022**. You have the choice of **10am or 5pm** to book onto the course.

Vacancies

You can now advertise your vacancies on the Diocesan website. Please email your specific vacancies, the skills you have identified you need and an email address for potential governors to express an interest to Michelle.Perry@Chichester.Anglican.Org.

Guidance on how to approach recruitment for all categories will soon be available to support you – watch this space in next month's Governance E-bulletin. Meanwhile the process for nominating Foundation Governors is available on the website.

You may be interested in....

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has a campaign to help all governance boards to consider and have a strategy for their contribution to environmental sustainability and to equip governing boards to play their role in overseeing this work. As we consider how support church school governing boards it would be helpful to know what you have been doing in this important area. Please do email [Mike Simmonds](mailto:Mike.Simmonds@nga.org.uk) and share your ideas.

