

28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear colleagues,

I suppose we are all once again finding that 'change is the new constant' and that's not even a change! So, with the new term underway we found ourselves with a new Prime Minister, yet another new Secretary of State for Education and a new King! Which also means we must remember to call our Ofsted visitor, His Majesty's Inspector!

Schools are of course experienced in responding to all kinds of new challenges. I hope your school leaders were able to develop new acts of worship around the passing of the late Queen and found the resources compiled by our Education Team extremely useful. Much could be said about the example of the Servant Queen for all of us engaged in governance. I will restrict myself to one quote:

*"For me the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace...is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance, and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith and none"*  
Elizabeth II – Christmas Address 2014

If you would like to see a video and hear more of our late Queen's expressions of how her faith shaped her attitude of service and duty go to: <https://youtu.be/HK6Z0vM8uWU>

Learning and applying learning is a key requirement in our professional development as governors. For that reason, all the courses I run are now linked to a Learning Page with resources to download including any slides used during the session. Some will have a short questionnaire to help you think about what you have learned. I hope as I develop this it will prove useful and valued by governors.

Similarly, the new PODCAST will be approximately 20 minutes of listening and learning. I expect episode two will be available by the end of the week and every two to four weeks going forward. If you subscribe on your usual provider, you will see when a new episode is available.

Please encourage new governors (not just Foundation governors) to attend the three session [Making Sense of Church School Governance](#) course. It should provide them with a good basis on which to grow into their role. Remember too, I am not only here to advise and support but, when necessary, can provide a bespoke course for your governance board. Another way I can help is through an External Review of Governance. My contact details are below.

Wishing you a successful rest of the half term!

Regards,



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