



Diocese of Chichester Governance E-Bulletin:

February 2023

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,

I am conscious that whilst governance is more or less 'business as usual' the education sector and others are facing industrial action which potentially disrupts teaching. Thank you for all you are doing to always support staff and our schools.

Last month 900 Church School leaders met for the National Education Conference. Here are two quotes to reflect on:

"I want you to know how much I really value the role the Church of England plays in educating our children.

Its reputation for excellence in schools speaks for itself and you are one of my department's most valued partners." (Secretary of State)

"Is that it? Say your prayers. Pay attention to your own need for rest and refreshment. Love one another. Yeah, that's it. But with these things, we can change the world, starting with our own hearts. Amen." (Archbishop of York)

Let's take that to heart! You can read all the speeches at the conference by [clicking here](#).

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Have you accessed our podcast yet? Ideal for when you are running, cooking, or driving to stimulate your thinking, learning and practice as a governor of a Church School.

Episode 6
Gentleness in Leadership

Episode 7
Covenantal Relationships - what it means for governors!

GOVERNANCE PODCAST
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with Governance Development Officer, Mike Simmonds

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Important Deadline to Voluntary Aided Schools



VA schools need to have determined their admission arrangements by the end of February 2023



Virtual development sessions for governors can be booked through [Eventbrite](#). Information about each course can be found below. They are for **ALL** Governors.

Courses coming up (Click on logo to book your place)

<h2 style="color: #008080;">MAKING SENSE OF CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE</h2> <h3 style="color: #008080;">Essential for all governors – especially new governors</h3> <h3>An opportunity to develop your understanding of what is required</h3>		
<p>23rd February 2nd March 9th March at 5pm</p>		<p>LAST CALL for this terms <i>Making Sense of Church School Governance</i> this three-session course is being run again for new governors and those who want to develop their understanding and practice. <i>For all Governors.</i></p>
<p>Foundation Governors agree to attend the Making Sense course in the first year of their appointment, as well as Safeguarding Training (next is in the summer term) within three months. All governors are encouraged to attend these courses.</p>		
<p>Thursday 23rd February at 10am</p>		<p>Still time to sign up and join. Governors are expected to monitor. But what might that entail? What do you do when you visit the school? What other ways are there of carrying out this role. Help will also be provided on asking the right questions. (A repeat of a session run last term) <i>For all Governors.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 9th March at 2pm</p>		<p>This course is for governors of schools expecting a SIAMS this term or in the summer term. Explore the importance of vision and how you can prepare for an inspection. NB This is for schools inspected under the current SIAMS Schedule and NOT the new Framework coming into force in September 2023.</p>

<p>Weds 15th March at 4pm</p>		<p>Absolutely key to good governance is the relationship between governors and the headteacher. With some new and old ideas on improving/developing this, heads are encouraged to attend this session with at least some of their governors. But, it is for ALL governors.</p>
<p>Fri 31st March at 12.15pm</p>		<p>Easter Reflection for governors for all governors. At the end of the term, as we move towards Holy Week, this is an opportunity for governors to take a short while over lunchtime and reflect, pray together, and look forward to the joy that is Easter Sunday.</p>

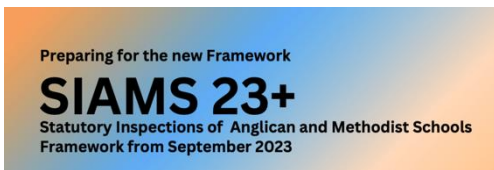
IMPORTANT NETWORKS Please book soon

The Diocese Education Department is keen to provide support and input to those who lead governing bodies. Network sessions are therefore an important part of engaging and listening to the Chairs and the Governance Professionals (Clerks). These sessions are not to replace but complement any other networks attended. Please note below and if for you, book soon.



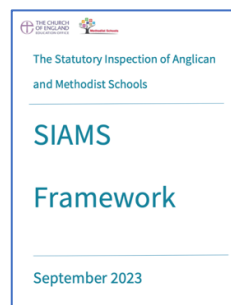
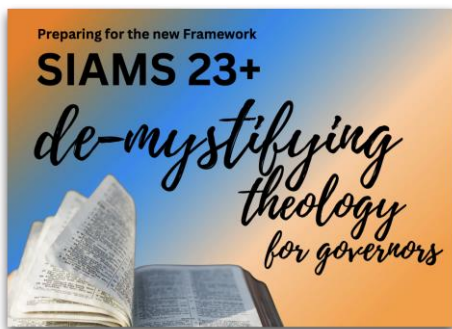
Weds 15th March	3pm	60 mins	Network For Chairs
Thurs 23rd March	2pm	60 mins	Governance Professionals Network

SIAMS – Statutory Inspections of Methodist and Anglican Schools



From September 2023 there will be a new SIAMS Framework. **Virtual Training Sessions on ‘SIAMS Framework Uncovered’, and ‘De-mystifying theology’** will be on:

17th and 24th May at 4pm. [Click here](#)



You can find all the new SIAMS documents on the [CEEO website](#) (you will need to scroll down to the relevant section).

Notes

Headteachers Conference – 3rd March

Have you encouraged and supported your headteacher to attend this important conference? Time out to reflect and learn is vital for school leaders. Governors play a strategic role in encouraging them to take advantage of such opportunities. Details can be found by [clicking here](#).

Governor Vacancies

You can 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](#)

Recruitment is an area of concern for many governing bodies.

The session below will include, but not only, Foundation Governors. There are several areas that need to be addressed in strategically planning and recruiting. Next term various options will be discussed on 6th June to include a wider definition of succession, an exploration of diversity including age, gender, and race along with general recruitment ideas. Please book as soon as possible, click on logo.



The poster features a teal background. On the left, there is a photograph of several hands of different skin tones resting on a wooden surface. Above this, a circular inset shows two hands shaking. The main text on the right reads 'SUCCESSION DIVERSITY & RECRUITMENT FOR GOVERNANCE BOARDS' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'WITH GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MIKE SIMMONDS'. At the bottom left, the date and time '6 June 2023 at 2 pm' are displayed. In the center bottom, there is a logo for 'GOVERNANCE TRAINING' with the text 'Education Department DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER' and the motto 'to KNOW-LOVE-FOLLOW Jesus'.

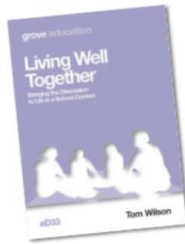
Nomination Process

The process for **nominating Foundation Governors** is an online system for both appointments and reappointments. Please contact [Michelle Perry](#) with the full name and contact email address of the nominee who needs the form to complete.

Governing Body Information

Please keep the Diocese up to date with your Governing Body Information using the Request Form in [WORD format found here](#).

This months recommended Grove Book



eD 33 Living Well Together: Bringing the Discussion to Life in a School Context (2017)

Living well together in society with what can seem like fundamental differences is perhaps the greatest challenge we currently face in Western society.

The Living Well Together conferences offer a model of exploring difficult questions and differences together, in a context of mutual respect, which can point both school communities and wider society with a vital way forward.

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SIAMS: Taking a Fresh Look at Church School Inspection by Dr Margaret James (National Director of SIAMS)

And finally,

I hope you enjoyed a break over half term and feel refreshed for the coming few weeks. If I can support you in any way, please do be in touch.

Warmest thanks,

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Please remember to forward this email to all your colleague governors.