

KGA

Kent Governors' Association

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Notes for District Governor Briefings

- New Chair of KGA appointed – Janice Brooke – but she will not take up the post until later in the year. In the meantime Jack Keeler will take on the role of Interim Chair
- Next KGA Assembly 7-9 pm Monday 13 March 2017, Oakwood House, Maidstone: Please book via CPD Online. All governors welcome.



- **DfE consultation ‘Schools that work for everyone’** sought views on a variety of topics including the expansion of grammar schools and admission restrictions for faith schools. If you would like to read the KCC response you can find it on Kelsi – we will put a link from the KGA page.
- **KGA seeks information** about what governors want from the KGA as it revises its constitution and activities in the light of the changing educational landscape. Please tell your KGA Executive Member your opinions or email the chair
- If your district does not have an **Executive Member**, please appoint one!



Governor Vacancies

- There are currently 475 governor vacancies in Kent. It is the responsibility of each governing body to fill its vacancies.
- Help is available at the government sponsored **inspiringgovernance.org** and independent charity **sgoss.org**
Register with these sites if you need to find governors
- Consider other ways of finding governors – networking, advertising, approaching local businesses etc
- Make sure you have a selection procedure in place which complies with Safer Recruitment practices



Governor Training

- Remember to plan your training and book in advance
- Give honest feedback about sessions attended to help maintain quality
- Use the section asking for training that is wanted to help Governor Services understand what topics need to be introduced/repeated



News from NGA

Priorities for 2017

- School funding
- The pace of change
- Ability to recruit and retain staff
- Assessment and the curriculum offer



News from Ofsted

- New HMCI Amanda Spielman
- Small change to inspection arrangements allows for short inspections to be led by Ofsted Inspector rather than HMI



Follow up information from meetings

- ▶ Soroptimist competition link:

<http://www.shellbarn.co.uk/seeresp5/page9/page-3/>

- ▶ Where schools can look at the impact of National Funding Forum :

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>