

South Kent District Governor Briefings

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Welcome



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Kent Governors' Association

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VIRTUAL GOVERNANCE

- **2013 Roles, Procedure & Allowances regulations were introduced for LA Maintained Schools**
- **Permitted Virtual Governance**
- **Aligned LA Maintained with Academies – Academies already had this freedom
(check funding agreement/Articles of Association)**
- **http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/1624/pdfs/ukxi_20131624_en.pdf**
- **https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270783/school_governance_regulations_2013_departmental_advice.pdf**

Extracts from Legislation / Guidance

- the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference.
- 28. The requirement to be present at the meeting means that proxy voting or voting in advance of a meeting is not permitted. It is important that governors are present to hear and engage in the debate before casting their vote.
- 29. However, the regulations now give boards the power to make arrangements for their members to be present at board and committee meetings ‘virtually’, for example by telephone or video conference, and therefore to participate in discussion and decision making remotely.

ACTIVITY

Discuss in your table groups:

- Any agreement that your board currently has in place regarding virtual governance
- Work through the items on the sheet
- Be prepared to feedback to/discuss with the whole group

In the News, Discussion & Networking

- **Constitutional amendments for maintained school governing bodies**
- **NGA-name change, same initials. National Governance Association**
- **EFA has become the EFSA - Education , Funding and Skills agency**
- **Ofsted HMCI, Amanda Spielman - first speech since taking office**
- **Budgets**
 - **Maintained school , FGB approve 3 year budget by 31st May**
 - **Academies have to do a new Budget Forecast Return: Outturn by 19th May ; 3 year budget forecast return for year 17 / 18 to be approved and returned by the 28th July**

In the News, Discussion & Networking

- Pupil absence in schools in England: 2015 to 2016 released

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/602320/SFR14_2017_Text.pdf

- New Trust Board Chairs Identity Verification form
- Maintained schools – Parent governor election process
- National Chairs of Governance Leadership development course- last one?

<https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=AEyRQxShp8p&HideToolbar=1>

- National Clerks development course – last one ?

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In the News, Discussion & Networking

Clerking Competency Framework

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/609971/Clerking_competency_framework.pdf

Focuses on the Knowledge, skills and effective behaviours under 4 competencies.

- **Competency 1: Understanding governance**
- **Competency 2: Administration**
- **Competency 3: Advice and guidance**
- **Competency 4: People and relationships**

Course Evaluation – Don't forget!

- Please take 5 minutes to complete your evaluation form.
- You can access the link now via your mobile phone/tablet: www.kentcpdonline.org.uk and then log into your account.
- Click on 'My CPD Online' and 'Events Attended'
- From here you will be able to locate this event and then click on 'Enter Evaluation'.
- Alternatively please log into your account, using the e-mail link which you will receive from CPD online as soon as the register of attendance has been processed .
- You will be able to download your certificate of attendance once you have completed the evaluation and the signed register has been processed by the Training & Development Administration team.

We value and act on your comments.

Thank you.

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