

# Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling District Governor Briefing

Summer 2017

# Welcome

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# Agenda

## **Welcome**

Julia Durcan - Area Governance Officer (AGO), West Kent.

## **School Attendance – Information for Governors**

Cathy Edwards – West Area Inclusion & Attendance Lead

## **The Kent Governor Association (KGA)**

Jack Keeler – Maidstone KGA Representative

Phil Sayer – Maidstone KGA Representative

David Bower -- Tonbridge & Malling KGA Representative

## **Virtual Governance**

What do we need to consider?

Julia Durcan, Area Governance Officer

## **In The News- General updates and discussion points**

Julia Durcan, Area Governance Officer

# Polite Reminders !

- **Housekeeping**
- **Paper free !**
- **Have you signed the register?**
- **List at least three actions that you will complete following this discussion.**
- **Please complete the online evaluations (direct to you via email)**

# School Attendance

Information for Governors

By

Cathy Edwards

Attendance and Inclusion Lead West Kent

# **KGA**

## **Kent Governors'**

### **Association**

#### **Maidstone KGA Representatives**

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**Phil Sayer- [philipjsayer@gmail.com](mailto:philipjsayer@gmail.com)**

#### **Tonbridge & Malling KGA Representative**

**David Bower - [davidbower@btinternet.com](mailto:davidbower@btinternet.com)**

# Kent Governors' Association

- ▶ **The N G A, now to be known as the National Governance Association.**
- ▶ **Venue suggestions for the County Assembly in other parts of Kent.**
- ▶ **KGA assembly at Oakwood House 12th June 2017, 7-9pm**
- ▶ **Following Sally Lees appointment , links have been strengthened Links strengthened with the K A H T**
- ▶ **Governors representation on the board of new Education Services company**

# 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](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](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**

- **NGA- name change, same initials. National Governance Association**
- **EFA has become the EFSA, the Education , Funding and Skills agency**
- **Ofsted HMCI, Amanda Spielman, first speech since taking office.**
- **Budgets**
  - **Maintained school , FGB approve 3 year budget by 31<sup>st</sup> May**
  - **Academies have to do a new Budget Forecast Return: Outturn by 19<sup>th</sup> May with the 3 year budget forecast return for year 17 / 18 to be approved and returned by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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](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 !
- <https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=AEyRQxShp8p&HideToolbar=1>

# In the News, Discussion & Networking

- **Changes to constitutional arrangements for maintained school governing bodies from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**
- **[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/487/pdfs/ukxi\\_20170487\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/487/pdfs/ukxi_20170487_en.pdf)**
- **Maintained school Governing Bodies power to remove elected parent and staff governors inline with the removal of co opted governors.**
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 any elected parent or staff governor removed is disqualified for serving as a school governor for 5 years.**

# In the News, Discussion & Networking

## Clerking Competency Framework

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/609971/Clerking\\_competency\\_framework.pdf](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](http://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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**Thank you for attending**

**Have we been mad tonight?**

**Next briefing Kings hill School  
Provisionally 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7-9pm**

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