



We would like to invite you to contact **Governor Services** with news, information or details of events for governors.

Email: governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk or phone 01452 425313. Publication dates for future editions can be found in the 'Notice board' section below. Chairs are asked to share the contents of this e-bulletin with their governing body.

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Gloucestershire County Council Traded Services for Schools Brochure - Advance notice

On 18th March we will be publishing our 2011/12 brochure in conjunction with the annual Traded Services order forms. The brochure will be sent as a hard copy to all Gloucestershire head teachers and will also be made available on Schoolsnet on that date. It will feature information on the wide range of education and business services on offer to all schools, with clear indications and prices as to which items will be chargeable to academies or available as supplementary purchases.

Head teachers and governing bodies are asked to look carefully at your Traded Services order forms. New charges or additional services may be available that have not previously been featured. The brochure should help you make decisions around these items. If you are considering academy status, then the prices in this brochure will be particularly relevant to you.

For more information please contact: Cerian Price: cerian.price@gloucestershire.gov.uk or Edel Keating: edel.keating@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Schools Forum Briefing No. 7 : 2nd March 2011

Briefing for 2nd March 2011 is available on the bulletin board at the above link.

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Changes to CRB checks

Very recently the new Government has undertaken a review of the previous Government's Vetting and Barring scheme. The changes that will take place to the way we CRB check and vet people who work with children have now been made public. The requirement to CRB check staff and volunteers has not been removed, despite news articles to the contrary, and further updates will be provided as information is released.

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Alternative Models of School Leadership (including Academies) - Information Session

Governors, senior leaders and staff of all school settings are invited to attend a session led by the LA and the Diocese of Gloucester in partnership with the National College for Leadership of Schools on **Wednesday 30th March**, hosted by Fairford Church of England Primary School. If you are interested in finding out more about the range and diversity of current school models and partnerships and the support available, you can download a flyer and reply slip at the following link <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=100040>

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For Primary Schools: Polling Station Charges 2011

A list of updated charges is available on the bulletin board, in the event of your school being used for any local or general elections this year.

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Road Safety Resource Centre

A new road safety resource centre crammed with useful, practical and tried and tested materials is being launched on-line this month at: www.roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/resource-centre

The centre is packed with useful, easy to use lessons giving teachers **and** parents clear advice and messages to safe-guard their children when near the road.

This is an exciting time for us - will you share this and empower your parents to teach their child how best to use the road, either as a pedestrian, cyclist or car passenger?

If you have any suggestions for improvement or additions, or for more information, contact André Bovington, Skills for Life Manager on 01452 425603, or email andré.bovington@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Safe 'n' Savvy website

The 'Safe 'n' Savvy', internet safety web site produced by Gloucestershire Police is now live.

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Employment Handbook Update

The handbook has been revised to include Management Guidance Notes available for probation, grievance and the Equality Act 2010. Also, as part of the new redundancy toolkit, there are template letters, a suggested agenda for a staff consultation meeting and forms for the whole process. Advice and support is available from HR via the helpline on 01452 425339 or email: hroschools@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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SWFfL ICT Conference 2011 to be held at UWE

This event is an ideal opportunity for colleagues to update themselves on current ICT issues, to share good practice and pick up ideas to take back to school. It also provides key information to inform a vision about ICT in schools, support school self-evaluation and to feed into strategic planning, offering support and advice to delegates so that they may be able to make informed decisions about spending on ICT.

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Heart of Gloucestershire Community Awards 2011

If you know of anyone who deserves to win a Heart of Gloucestershire Award click on the link and nominate them.

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A Poetry competition for the Royal Wedding from Glos. Media

To celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29th April of Prince William and Kate Middleton, The Citizen and Echo are launching a special competition for primary and junior schools in Gloucestershire, to write a short poem for the royal couple. Councillor Jackie Hall and Glos. Media Editor, Ian Mean hope you will encourage your pupils to enter.

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National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

Do you have any aspiring leaders who would like to find out more about NPQH in the comfort of their own surroundings? An online briefing session has been arranged by the National College and Southern Educational Leadership Trust (SELT) on **Thursday 17th March 2011 at 7.30 pm**. Further information can be found at: http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/utilities/action/act_download.cfm?mediaid=44910

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Governor Training

Training Courses for Governors

The following courses are undersubscribed at the present time, please consider whether any of your governors require training in these areas.

Role of the Chair	24.03.11	Hucclecote Centre, Gloucester	09.30-15.30
Curriculum	05.04.11	Chargrove Enterprise Ltd., Shurdington	18.30-21.00
Role of the Clerk	15.03.11	Hucclecote Centre, Gloucester	09.30-15.30

If you would like to book a place on any of these courses, please complete the governor training booking form and return it to: Governor Services, The Hucclecote Centre, Churchdown Lane, Gloucester, GL3 3QN or fax it to 01452 426869. A copy of the booking form, together with lists of all courses available, can be downloaded by clicking on the link below: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=20737>

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National College ~ Training for Chairs of Governors

In the Schools White Paper, the National College for Leadership in Schools and Children's Services is researching the training for Chairs of Governors. The College is holding another focus group to understand the specific training and development needs of Chairs, this time in London on 15th March, If you are a Chair or Vice-Chair and are interested in participating and sharing your views, contact Melissa Powell, Research and Policy Manager at the National College, letting her know your intention to attend - 0115 872 2736 or Melissa.powell@nationalcollege.org.uk

Governor Services will continue to provide training for Chairs, Vice-Chairs and governors interested in taking on the role of chair in the future.

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Clerks' Briefings - FAO Clerk to the Governors

Clerks' briefings are held termly at various locations throughout the County. The next round of briefings are being held in May and all clerks are encouraged to attend these meetings as it is a good way to keep abreast of any changes affecting governing bodies, keep up to date with clerking procedures and a good opportunity to network with other clerks.

For a list of dates and venues please go to:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=20952>

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7th April 2011

5th May 2011

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