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[Schools Forum by-election](#)

Clive Johnson, Governor at Stone-with-Woodford Primary School, has resigned from the Forum.

All primary school chairs of governors will receive a letter this week inviting nominations *from any primary governor* to arrive by 5pm on 8th February 2012. The term of office will be for one year, until 31st March 2013. Please see further details at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=14396>. Or call Alison Wantenaar, Democratic Services Officer on 01452 425094 alison.wantenaar@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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[Pupil Census - Thursday 19th January 2012](#)

Schools are reminded that the spring pupil census takes place on **Thursday 19th January 2012**, with a deadline for making a return of **Thursday 26th January 2012**. Please remember that paper census packs are no longer issued. All arrangements for the spring census, including access to the guidance notes, instructions on how to submit your return and the Additional Data Collection Form, plus regular updates will be posted on the Schoolsnet site. Your Additional Data Collection Form was uploaded onto RM Securenet during week commencing 09/01/12. The spring census will collect data on pupils who have a parent(s) who are Service personnel, serving in regular HM Forces military units of all forces, or serving in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England, (e.g. personnel who are part of the ARRC) and exercising parental care and responsibility. For further information on this, please visit the link above or contact the Data Production and Analysis Team by email: schoolcensus@gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone: 01452 425329.

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[Data Sharing between Academy Schools and Gloucestershire County Council - 2011/12 Academic Year](#)

Academy Schools who have converted since October 2011, or who are yet to submit a completed Sharing Agreement, are asked to give permission for their data to be shared with the LA for the 2011/12 academic year. This is to ensure that data provided by Academy Schools via the various statutory returns and data collections can be made available to the LA by the DfE and its associated partners. Information for schools converting or having converted to Academy status is available on the GCC website. A form has also been added detailing the basis of the sharing agreement required. Academy Schools are asked to complete this form and return it to the Data Production & Analysis Team at: isst@gloucestershire.gov.uk by **Thursday 19th January 2012**. Schools converting to Academy status during the academic year are asked to complete and return a form at the point of conversion. If you have any questions in relation to this agreement and the process involved please contact Information & Systems Support, Tel: 01452 425329, Information Systems & Support Team, Block 4, 2nd Floor, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TH.

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[Renew your school's insurance](#)

Schools subscribing to Gloucestershire County Council's Risk Management and Insurance policy will need to read the information for 2012/13 and complete the form. The letter and form can be downloaded from the Risk and Insurance pages (you will need to log in to see it). The deadline for renewal is **10th February 2012**.

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[Youth Support Service \(Connexions\)](#)

Schools are reminded that 'There is a legal requirement under the Education and Skills Act 2008 to pass information on request to the Youth Support Service for pupils in or approaching the age of 13'. Please refer to section 4.3.4 of the DfE document for further guidance at the above link.

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[Serious Case Review](#)

Jo Grills wishes to draw your attention to a recent Serious Case Review which has highlighted the importance of schools recognising the responsibility they take on for vulnerable BME and traveller pupils if the school decides to retain funding which has previously supported the READs service. The Serious Case Review and Action Plan (SCR310) can be found on the GSCB web site.

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[Gloucester Primary Place Planning 2012 - Update on Temporary Places](#)

The process for deciding on the 120 additional temporary primary places in Gloucester has now been completed. Please refer to the bulletin board for details.

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[Leadership options for Isbourne Valley Primary School](#)

With its present head teacher retiring in August, the governors of Isbourne Valley Primary School in North Gloucestershire are exploring new leadership options. They are keen to maximise the effectiveness of the existing teaching resource; expand the school's horizons; improve its administrative operations; ensure that it continues to be a valued part of its local community; and, in particular, continue to drive towards an Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding'. Any governing bodies or head teachers of a likeminded school (primary or secondary) interested in exploring the potential of a shared Executive Head Teacher, and ideally also share a School Business Manager, should contact: Ashley Fawcett, Acting Chair of Governors, on 01242 621186 or e-mail him at: chair@isbournevalley.gloucs.sch.uk

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[Tweets/Stranger danger](#)

The police have recently noticed an increase in the number of reports on social networking sites, such as Twitter and Facebook, of people approaching young people in suspicious circumstances in the county. Some of these stories have turned out to be false and based on nothing more than rumour or speculation and there is concern that this type of 'urban myth' is causing concern for parents and, most importantly, is in danger of lessening the impact of any warnings issued by the police following genuine incidents. Some parents have suggested the information has been provided to them by their children's school. The police understand the importance of notifying parents of any suspicious incidents and the importance of teaching children about 'stranger danger' but recommend schools should check that the warnings they are sending out are genuine.

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[National Curriculum Review Update](#)

Latest information, including a summary report and the revised timetable, can be found at the above link.

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[Carbon Conference - free to Gloucestershire Schools. How you can save 30% by 2016](#)

This is a reminder that you are invited to attend Gloucestershire County Council's Low Carbon Schools Conference which is being held on 27th March 2012. An invitation letter from Neil Corbett and a copy of the event flyer providing further information together including details on how to book a place are on the bulletin board. Please respond by end January.

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SWGfI - Preparing for Merlin 2013 and beyond

SWGfL Merlin, which is centrally funded by 14 member Local Authorities throughout the South West of England, is available without charge until the end of August 2013. SWGfL is currently working on models of service that would enable the continued offer of Merlin as an optional service from September 2013 and would like feedback from schools on the future options being proposed. Full details and explanatory letter are available on the bulletin board.

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Governor Training

Head Teacher Recruitment - FREE training

If you think you will need to recruit a new head teacher within the next 6 months then this training is essential to:

- prepare the governing body for head teacher recruitment
- find out more about succession planning
- find out more about models of leadership

Date: Wednesday 22nd February 2012
Venue: The Milestone School, Gloucester, GL2 9EU
Time: 5.00 - 7.30 pm (tea/coffee from 4.30 pm)

To book a place/places please email: governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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22nd March 2012
17th May 2012
5th July 2012

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