



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 'Noticeboard' section below. Chairs are asked to share the contents of this e-bulletin with their governing body.

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Schools Funding Reform

The government's proposals for reforming school funding are out for consultation. Meetings to discuss the implications have been set up for:

- Cheltenham at Pittville School, Albert Road, Cheltenham, GL52 3JD on 27th September at 5.30pm
- Gloucester in the Council Chamber, Shire Hall on 30th September at 2.00 pm.

There will be implications for your school/academy whether you have 20 pupils or 2000 and whether you have lots of children with SEN or none at all. There will be difficult choices to make, both nationally and locally. We need to make sure we have thought through what it all means for Gloucestershire schools and pupils. The consultation paper is available on the DfE website. County Council Scrutiny members and the Schools Forum have already given some thought to the issues raised and have formulated a draft response to aid the discussion. This is only a draft – there are likely to be statements here that you disagree with or want to add to. The draft is available on the bulletin board at the above link.

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Sad News

Many of you will remember Jo Davidson and it is with great sadness that we have to inform you that her daughter Rosie died last week. Rosie had been suffering from cancer. Rosie was a truly inspirational young woman. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2009, and to promote a more positive message about the illness she set up The Knock on Effect, a sustainable fundraising business with the money raised going to various cancer charities. The Knock on Effect raised thousands of pounds and Rosie won regional and national awards for the work she was doing.

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Admissions and Appeals Traded Services

All academies have been invited to purchase the services of the Admissions Team for the Academic Year 2011/12. We aim to continue to provide academies with the support, advice and data that our experienced team can offer. Information can be found on pages 16 and 17 of the Services for Schools booklet on Schoolsnet under Education and Business Services for schools. Please contact the team if you wish to discuss your requirements.

Voluntary aided and foundation and trust schools will not be required to purchase those admissions traded services which have previously been provided by the team at no cost. The team will therefore continue to work with schools to ascertain pupil offers according to your oversubscription criteria and to offer advice and guidance on any admission related issues you may have. You will still have the opportunity to buy into our services of map production, generic appeal statement template and open evening attendance.

Community Schools will not be required to purchase any admissions traded services which will continue to be provided by the team.

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Gloucestershire SACRE - Primary Network Meetings

This year is the implementation year for the revised agreed syllabus for RE in Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire SACRE are holding two "catch-up" twilight sessions this month. These offer an opportunity for head teachers and RE subject leaders who were unable to attend the launch conference to find out about the revision of the agreed syllabus. It will include an overview of the new opportunities available as well as giving some examples of new units of work and plenty of practical classroom ideas. Please email Stephen Pett: Stephen@retoday.org.uk if you are able to attend either of the following sessions:

- 27th September 2011 - 4.00-6.00pm
Westbury-on-Severn CE Primary School, The Village, Westbury-on-Severn GL14 1PA
- 29th September 2011 - 4.00-6.00pm
Rowanfield Junior School, Alstone Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 8HY

Information about network meetings being held later in the term and next year's SACRE annual primary Conference 2012 are available on the bulletin board.

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[2gether Children and Young People Service launch event](#)

2gether NHS Foundation Trust are hosting a launch event on 28 September from 4.30pm – 7pm for their new Children and Young People Service. The service is available to all children and young people up to the age of 18 years and is designed to help improve the emotional wellbeing of young people in Gloucestershire. The event is for all professionals who work with children and young people and will give you and your colleagues the opportunity to hear from our management team and partners.

Place: Gloucestershire Resource Centre, City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester, GL1 4DF

Date: Wednesday 28th September 2011 - 4.30pm registration and refreshments for 5pm start

Please confirm your attendance to Carole Diett by emailing carole.diett@glos.nhs.uk or by telephone 01452 894310 or 01452 894300 by Monday 26th September.

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Dates of training courses for September-December 2011 can be found at the link above.

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[Managing Health and Safety in Schools - November 23rd Training Seminar \(Stroud College\)](#)

Safety, Health and Environment is providing a seminar for 'Managing Health and Safety in Schools' aimed at head teachers, Governors and Business Managers. The seminar will discuss effective and sensible risk management approaches. The date is 23rd November 2011 and will be held at Stroud College. The cost is £60 which includes refreshments and a buffet lunch. Full details can be downloaded at the above link on Schoolsnet.

For further information or to book your place please contact Neil Chatten in SHE on 01452 426145 or e-mail neil.chatten@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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[Unique inter-generational project to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee - £500 to be won](#)

Schools are invited to sign up for a unique inter-generational project which will celebrate the 60 year Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen in 2012. Further information can be found at the above link.

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