



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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Please advise your support staff of the following important message that they can find on the above link on Schoolsnet. This is a reminder to members of Local Government Pension Scheme that GCC will be assessing pay against the up-dated national employee contribution rate bandings in April. They will receive notification in April if their banding changes, but are advised to look at the download called "Employee Contribution Rates and FAQs" on the above link to help them understand the potential implications;

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[Gloucestershire Schools Forum](#)

The election process for the biennial round of elections has now begun, following a decision at Schools Forum on 2nd March to postpone the effective date from 1st April 2011 to 1st September 2011. A letter has been sent to all primary and secondary schools. Nominations close at 5pm on 13th May 2011.

The letter and nomination forms can be found at: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=14396>

Would governors please note that votes cast in these elections are *cast by the Governing Body*, not individuals. Should nominations exceed the number of seats, please note that you have between **23rd May and 8th July 2011** to submit your completed ballot papers. It will therefore be necessary for governing bodies **to meet in order to cast their votes** in good time for ballot papers to arrive at Shire Hall by 5pm on 8th July 2011.

For any questions please call Alison Wantenaar 01452 425094 or alison.wantenaar@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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[Protocols to support joint working relationships with and between academies and maintained schools and Gloucestershire County Council 2011-12](#)

Protocols have been developed in response to the changes in the world of education over the past year. Their aim is to clarify the ongoing working relationship between the Council and those schools who have, or will, become academies as well as all other maintained schools. They have been discussed at the Schools Forum and demonstrate our joint commitment to working together in the best interests of children and young people. A copy of the protocols is being sent to all those schools who express a wish to convert to an academy. If you have comments or require further information, please contact Lynn Morris who is currently co-ordinating and managing the academy conversion process on 01452 426543.

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[Admissions & Transport Team Restructure](#)

Staff responsible for all school admissions, home to school transport and pupil benefits have been restructured to ensure that schools and parents have easy access to teams with the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to respond to queries or to support such arrangements in an effective and efficient manner. Full information and contact details are on the bulletin board.

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[The Future of Gloucestershire Healthy Schools and the Online Pupil Survey](#)

Healthy Schools is changing from a national programme to a locally-led one. Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire remain committed to supporting schools to improve health-related outcomes for children and young people, particularly for our most vulnerable children. Read more about the current position of Healthy Schools in Gloucestershire and how schools can shape the future of the programme.

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[Primary School Forecasts 2011/12 - 2014/15](#)

Primary School Forecasts will be available to download from Securenet over the coming week for all schools and academies. Next year this package will be available as part of an Additional Services package i.e. free to LA maintained schools and traded for academies.

The individual school forecasts will be available on Securenet in the General Transfer Community using filename 916xxxx_916nnnn_PRIFCast.pdf where nnnn is your school DCSF number. The numbers of pre-school children living in the school's planning area are also available by downloading 916xxxx_916nnnn_PRESCH.pdf. If you have any queries please contact the Office Manager on 01452 425329 or isst@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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[Secondary School Forecasts 2011/12 - 2017/18](#)

Secondary School Forecasts will be available to download from Securenet over the coming week for all schools and academies. Next year this package will be available as part of an Additional Services package i.e. free to LA maintained schools and traded for academies.

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The Local Authority's Quality Assurance team under Jane Lloyd Davies has developed a menu of support - GlosEd - to help heads and governors to commission support for their school from a range of providers and to facilitate school to school support. GlosEd provides a Directory of Providers (including ASTs and LLEs), it champions interesting practice across the county and ensures all practitioners are kept up to date with teaching and learning developments. Members of the team are also keen to work with your cluster/partnership to develop the localised 'Supporting partnerships' pages of GlosEd. Please contact any of the team using QT@gloucestershire.gov.uk. We hope you can find the information you need in a couple of clicks! - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/glosed

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[29th April 2011, Additional Bank Holiday: Further Information](#)

Please follow the link to the bulletin board for further information about the additional bank holiday and part time and support staff in schools.

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Better Value for Money in Schools - four Audit Commission briefings

The four briefings aim to help school heads, governing bodies and councils control costs without compromising educational attainment. They look at four areas where schools have scope to improve efficiency. The deployment of classroom staff, including class sizes and allocation of teachers and teaching assistants.

- The breadth and focus of schools' curriculum offer.
- Approaches to covering for staff absence, including supply teachers.
- The size, cost and composition of the wider (non-teaching) school workforce.

All the briefings are available on the Audit Commission website: www.audit-commission.gov.uk/schoolsworkforce

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[South West Grid for Learning Trust - ICT Conference 5th July 2011](#)

The SWGfLT invites you to a meeting of the nation's best minds with a passion for the possibilities of technology in education. Keynote speakers: Ewan McIntosh, Phillipa Lee and Sugata Mitra. (Please note there is a reduced cost if you book before 1st May).

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[Trading Standards Complaint](#)

Trading Standards are currently investigating complaints from 2 Gloucestershire schools regarding a company called Child Welfare Awareness of Office 1, Wynne Close, Manchester City Centre, M11 3TR. The complaints concern the invoicing for payment to the schools for advertising in a pamphlet. Both schools state that they had not agreed to this advertising and are now receiving requests for payment.

If any other schools have been contacted by this Company and been subject to the above please contact Glenda Adams at Trading Standards on 01452 427041.

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Consultation

[Schools Financial Value Standard \(SFVS\) - Consultation ends 30th April 2011](#)

The DfE has issued a consultation on the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) which is to replace the previous Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS). The information has been published on the DfE website and can be accessed at: www.education.gov.uk/SFVSconsultation. Schools are invited to send their responses direct to the DfE's dedicated mailbox: financial.management@education.gsi.gov.uk. A helpline on 020 7340 7775 is also available for further clarification.

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Governor Training

Are you ready to recruit a new head teacher? - FREE TRAINING

If you think you will need to recruit a new head teacher within the next 6 months then this free 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: Tuesday 10th May 2011 - 5.00-7.30 pm

Venue: The Milestone School, Longford Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9EU

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

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Training Courses for Governors

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

Performance Management	11.05.11	University of Gloucestershire - Oxstalls Campus	18.30-21.00
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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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Local Authority / Gloucestershire Governors' Association Meeting

The next Open Meeting of the Gloucestershire Governors' Association will be held on Monday 9th May 2011 - 7.00-9.00 pm at Shire Hall.

Theme: Empowering Governance

This will be an opportunity to consider the features of outstanding governance and the ways in which governing bodies demonstrate challenge and support in order to ensure that their schools improve. Reference will be made to the inspection frameworks and the proposed new inspection framework for 2012.

If you wish to attend please contact Jennie Leighton on 01452 425846 or email:

governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk to help us make appropriate arrangements.

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Governor Services - Traded Services update

In response to numerous enquiries from schools about the Governor Services traded services package, we have produced a flyer to clarify the services that we can provide.

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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. **Please ensure that this information is passed on to your Clerk to Governors as soon as possible.**

For a list of dates and venues please go to: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=20952>

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