



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

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Regulations for the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday

The Department for Education has consulted on its intention to reduce the 2010/11 academic school year by one day to allow school staff and pupils to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29th April 2011 or to close on another day if the Royal Wedding falls on a school closure or non-contact day. The expectation is that these statutory changes will come into force on the Friday 18th February 2011. Full details are on the bulletin board at above link.

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GCC & Schools Pension Fund Contribution Rates

The provisional rates for schools included in the GCC pool for 'pension fund employer contribution rates' are:

From: 1st April 2011/12 22.9%
1st April 2012/13 23.9%
1st April 2013/14 24.9%

These rates are currently provisional, as the actuary is delaying signing off the valuation until late March just in case the Government introduce any changes which impact on the results of this valuation.

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Clinical Waste/Hygiene Contract

The contract that Gloucestershire shares as part of a framework agreement has been extended for a further two years. If any school has not taken advantage of this contract and would like to join, please follow the instructions on the webpage. Many schools have found that they are using the same suppliers as the framework but not enjoying the better negotiated prices. There is no cost to schools to join this contract and all schools in Gloucestershire are eligible to join.

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Early Years - changes to service

See the latest Early Years Team newsletter for an update in changes in policy and in funding from April 2011.

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Do you have talented leaders in your school who are ready to 'Act up'?

As part of our support for provision in Gloucestershire, we aim to provide enough effective leaders for schools whilst ensuring excellent leadership development opportunities for aspirant leaders. If someone in your school wants to be considered for the Acting Heads register then please send contact details to:

governor.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Governor Training

Induction Training for New Governors - New Date

Due to an increase in demand an additional date has been provided for Induction Training for New Governors.
Monday 9th May 2011 - Cheltenham Area Civil Service Sports Association, Cheltenham - 9.30-15.30.

If you would like to book a place on any of this course, 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 can be downloaded by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/index.cfm?articleid=20737>

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GGA Meeting : The Future of School Governance

Monday 7th March 2011 - Shire Hall - 7.00-9.00 pm

Speaker - Clare Collins, Chair, National Governors' Association

The world of governance is changing rapidly. the structure of the education system is fragmenting and we have reductions in budgets and a changing role for the Local Authority.

What are the skills we need to do our job? How can we govern more strategically? Should we be working in partnership with other schools? Are governing bodies part of the problem?

Clare will be the speaker at the next GGA Open Evening on **Monday 7th March at 7.00 pm** in Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP. Please note access is via steps in the rear car park. Limited parking is available in the Shire Hall car park in the evenings.

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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