

Governance Alert

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Information for governors, trustees & clerks Autumn term issue 11
DES Governance Consultancy Team Week ending: 29.11.24

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Pay and Performance model terms of reference There are now two versions of the terms of reference available, depending upon whether the board has opted to keep, or remove, performance related pay.	For all clerks and P&P governors and trustees Model terms of reference
Devon funding consultation The schools revenue funding consultation 2025-26 was slightly delayed and now runs from 27 November 2024 until 10 December 2024. Drop in sessions are available.	For all governors and trustees Consultation documents and book to attend a drop in session
Big ambition consultation The Children's Commissioner has published a report, with the findings from this consultation. Of the 367,000 children and adults who engaged on their behalf, online safety emerged as a key area.	For all governors and trustees Big ambition report One of the other key findings from The Big Ambition was that only one in five children feel that they are listened to by decision makers.
DfE breakfast clubs early adopters All state-funded schools with primary-aged pupils are eligible to apply, including those with an existing breakfast club offer. Schools will need to offer a minimum of 30 mins free childcare before the start of the school day. Funding is for food, delivery and staffing costs. If schools are already receiving funding from another source, the expectation is they will end current funding or agree how it can be used in a way that ensures there is no duplication of funding.	For all primary governors and trustees There is a webinar on 5 December , 2.00-3.00pm to learn more about the scheme and the application process. Further information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/breakfast-clubs-early-adopters-scheme
Updated 'schools causing concern' guidance Now named 'support and intervention in schools' this DfE statutory guidance has been updated to reflect changes in government policy	For all governors and trustees Support and intervention in schools
Flexible working in schools Recorded training videos for leaders and governing boards	For all governors and trustees View on YouTube
Clerking vacancies St Giles on the Heath Primary (virtual role considered)	For all interested parties Contact admin@st-giles-heath-primary.devon.sch.uk
Training opportunities Securing great outcomes for your disadvantaged children 3 Dec, 12.30-13.15 The governance of safeguarding 14 Jan, 10-11.30 Introduction to governance (maintained schools) 15 Jan, 17.30-19.30 Supporting school leaders health & wellbeing 16 Jan, 12.30-13.15 Clerks briefings 21 Jan, 10-12, Future Skills Centre, Exeter; 22 Jan, 10.30-12 online and 23 Jan 17.00-18.30, online Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 22 Jan, 10.-11.30 Leadership of the governing board 29 Jan, 10.00-12.00	For all governors, trustees and clerks Search by date for further information and bookings: Training, conferences and professional development DES (devoneducationservices.co.uk)