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Information for governors, trustees & clerks Spring term issue 01
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<p>Complaints toolkit and resources updated</p> <p>The suite of resources for maintained and academy schools have been updated. Policies now include a limit on the timeframe for submission of complaints, how anonymous complaints will be handled and new templates. The documents will be available for download from Monday 13 January 2025.</p>	<p>For all clerks, governors and trustees</p> <p>Complaints toolkit and resources (available from Monday 13 January)</p> <p>Boards may wish to review their policies earlier than planned to introduce the newer versions.</p>
<p>Greener schools index (GSI)</p> <p>The GSI is a free tool self-assessment tool designed to support all schools on their net zero journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps evaluate school progress, strengths and areas for improvement in essential areas such as air quality, biodiversity, catering management, energy, ICT, procurement, waste management and water Each completed survey generates an individual pdf report of responses that can be shared with Governors and Trustees, or used to inform a Climate Action Plan. 	<p>For all governors and trustees</p> <p>Greener schools index</p> <p>The initial pilot of the GSI will run until 28th February 2025 and will help schools assess current levels of climate action and identify areas for further development.</p>
<p>Staff acceptable behaviour policy</p> <p>HR ONE has developed a new policy for acceptable behaviour which schools can access via the policy library.</p> <p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easier for staff to identify the ways to report unacceptable behaviour and where they can go for support Restorative practice is explained and embedded into the policy, giving staff and managers the opportunity to address concerns at the earliest opportunity and to resolve these in a restorative way. 	<p>For all governors and trustees</p> <p>HR ONE policy library</p>
<p>Clerking vacancies</p> <p>West Hill Primary School Seaton Primary School WeST – local board administrator</p>	<p>For all interested parties</p> <p>Further information and apply Further information and apply Further information and apply</p>
<p>Training opportunities</p> <p>Clerks briefings 21 Jan, 10-12, Future Skills Centre, Exeter; 22 Jan, 10.30-12, online and 23 Jan 17.00-18.30, online Attendance & behaviour, 21 Jan, 1.30-13.15, online Recruiting board members, 22 Jan, 12.30-13.15, online Introduction for new clerks, 28 Jan, 10.30-12.30, online Leadership of the board, 29 Jan, 10.00-12.00, online Governance updates 4 Feb, 12.30-1.30; 5 Feb, 4.00-5.00pm Clerk as an adviser, 4 Feb, 10.00-11.30, online</p>	<p>For all governors, trustees and clerks</p> <p>Search by date for further information and bookings: Training, conferences and professional development DES (devoneducationservices.co.uk)</p>