

Shaping Governance - Newsletter

Welcome to our final newsletter for this academic year. This issue we focus on interesting governance articles, hints and tips from across the sectors that we work with, and some of our own exciting news.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients for their support, and extend our appreciation to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time to Governance this year.

Those of you who use some of the summer break to catch up on training and preparation for next year, please note that we will be available throughout for any questions or support you might need.

Wishing you all a very relaxing (and hopefully warm!) summer.

Warmest regards,

The Shaping Governance Team

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Interesting Governance news from across the sectors

Governing during a change of Government

King's Speech 2024: What's in it for schools?
It has been announced that the Labour Government will introduce a raft of policies through its 'children's wellbeing bill' to raise standards in education and promote children's wellbeing. Putting children and their wellbeing at the centre of education and social care systems is something that has long been promoted by Shaping Governance. We will be following this closely and look forward to reporting on the progress of these priorities.

How will ungraded Ofsted inspections work from September?
Sir Martyn Oliver, Ofsted's Chief Inspector announced changes to ungraded inspections, with the intention of making them feel 'more like monitoring visits'.

Governors have an important role in the leadership and management of schools, and we know as governors we want to support the school well during inspection. Take a look at our article on the role of governors in inspections; plus our other interesting articles and blogs.

Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE) 2024 - the main changes
Browne Jacobson have produced a helpful summary of the changes to KCSIE from September 2024.

Every governor is responsible for Safeguarding not just the Safeguarding Link Governor. Take a look at the summary and remember to confirm that you have read it in September.

Planning for Success

Robust planning, strategically linked to your SIP, and dovetailing in to internal and external scrutiny within your school, is key to delivering maximum impact as a board. The more that you can plan out now, the more efficient you will be with your time next academic year. And let's face it, we could all do with a few more hours in the day!

One of the ways to ensure your success is to make sure you have the right people, in the right roles, looking at the right areas within your Governance Team.

- Do you have the most appropriate Link Roles in place?
- Are roles aligned to the SIP?
- As a team, can you challenge and support effectively, in every area?
- Are there areas where you need to improve knowledge?
- How well do you communicate as a team?
- Could you challenge and support the school in a more effective way?

There are a number of ways you can go about answering the above as a team. You could complete skills questionnaires, complete additional training courses, and look at recruiting. All of which are important, but often time consuming. Hopefully, you have an annual skills audit planned into your annual agenda. In addition, training and recruitment / succession planning should be part of the longer term plan.
But is there a quicker fix?
The short answer is yes.

In one, powerful, 2 hour session with our highly experienced Governance Professionals, you can help all governors to:

- Learn, share, benchmark and improve across nine key governance areas, including core roles, Ofsted framework, safeguarding, etc.
- Improve their knowledge of the school, governor responsibilities and how governors can work together as a team - great for Ofsted Preparation too.
- Create their own improvement plan, which we then hold them to account for the implementing.

Use the button below to to take a look at our website for more information on how Shaping Governance can help you - and more importantly to have a read through our testimonials and see for yourself....

More information on Shaping Governance

" Shaping Governance was the driver to improve the effectiveness of governance - I am now challenged in a supportive way!"



Student design work

We've worked with MMU to support students to gain valuable works experience. And given we are



approaching the summer break, we thought it timely to share some work that marketing students have been creating for us. We love how Faye interpreted our work - Shaping Governance at the core of everything we do! Happy holidays!

New for 2024-25



In response to interest and requests from our clients we have some exciting E-Learning developments for Autumn 2024.

Launching in September we have a series of bite-sized learning modules:

- Child-centred Governance
- Appreciative Governance
- S.T.R.A.T.E.G.I.C. Governance
- Corporate Parenting for governors
- Creating your own Governance Jigsaw
- and many more

Sessions cover all sectors that we support: school, academies, councils and charities.

We are also launching our Coaching and Mentoring programme for Chairs or aspiring Chairs - it's going to be another busy year.

Register your interest for our E-Learning modules



Join our Team as a Governance Professional (Clerk) - a great career choice!

There are approximately 24,000 schools in England. All of which have a governing board or academy committee, and all of which need a Governance Professional (Clerk). Strong governance support and clerking is a key component to ensuring that a governing board is efficient.

We have openings for Self-Employed Associates in Cheshire and the surrounding areas, plus online opportunities. With payments of £150 - £200 per meeting its a great flexible career choice.

Check our our vacancies

Shaping Governance - here to help

Interested in finding out more about how we can help you improve your governance - get in touch using the button below

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