

17th November, 2016

BURY GOVERNOR ASSOCIATION

- from Rebecca Hoyle (Governor Support)

This time last year I compiled a skills register of governors who were happy to offer assistance to other governing bodies. I'm now in the process of updating this list. If you would like me to add or remove you from this list, please let me know. As always, your assistance is very much appreciated.

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Governor DBS

- **New amendments to regulations for maintained schools and federations issued**
- As of 18 March, the School Governance Constitution Regulations 2012 will be amended so that all serving governors in maintained schools will be required to have an enhanced criminal records certificate (ECRC), commonly known as a DBS check. This means that, by 1 September 2016, all serving governors must have an enhanced CRC and, from April 1 2016, governing bodies must have applied for an ECRC within 21 days of the election or appointment of a new governor.

Ref : NGA newsletter 4th March, 2016

Governor Edubase

- Maintained Schools - Under section 538 of the Education Act 1996
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/538>
- maintained school governing bodies will be under a duty to provide the information required on Edubase from September 2016, and keep it up to date as those involved in governance change.
- This is part of the drive to increase transparency on who governs schools. It will enable the DfE to more quickly and accurately identify individuals who have a role in governance.

School Inspection handbook

- the latest School Inspection Handbook (updated August 2016). If you haven't seen it already, I would draw your attention to Section 5, pages 37-40 which focus on governance and leadership & management. There are no significant changes, but the changes reflect the government's focus on schools causing concern, offers clarification on who inspectors will want to meet with in relation to governance. **Governors' development** will also form part of the conversation as part of the judgement on leadership and management.

BGA Spring Conference with Sir John Jones

Saturday 25th March, 2017

- ***Sir John Jones was outstanding. He set the tone and really inspired me to continue to think of possibilities and not hide in the past. Wonderful.***

Headteacher, Bracknell Forest

- ***A life-changing experience. Thank you***

School Governor, Richmond Upon Thames

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- Bury Governance Development have invested in online training through GEL for the last 12 months and will continue to do so until 31 August 2017. Gel is an online training tool that can be used **to support** governor training. The website is <http://www.gelregistration.co.uk/>

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