



Half Termly School Governors Update



Dear Governors,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I am pleased to share with you the latest updates and highlights from the LA's Schools' Governance Service. Keeping you informed about events and key issues impacting education and governance in Hillingdon and beyond.

Training and updates

Please see below for the details of the four events planned for the Summer Term with links to the registration forms.

Introduction to Understanding Schools Finance and Governors Responsibilities an online session will be delivered by the Finance team Monday 28 April 2025, 6pm – *Understanding Schools Finance Registration Form*

SEND Finance Workshop for Headteachers, SENCOs and Governors. An in-person workshop on Tuesday 6 May 2025 1-3.30pm at the Civic Centre. *SEND Finance Workshop Registration Form*

Introduction to Understanding Governor responsibilities in Suspensions and Exclusions an online session delivered by the LA's Lead Officer for Exclusions. Wednesday 7 May 2025 6pm – *Understanding Suspensions & Exclusions Registration Form*

Governors Networking Event. An in person event on Wednesday 18 June 2025 6pm at the Civic Centre. *Governors Networking event Registration Form*

Please see the link below to access all the recordings to the governor sessions that have been delivered. *Training Sessions for Governors 2024/25 - Leap*

Outstanding Governance Awards 2025

Nominations are open until 14 April for the NGA Outstanding Governance Awards 2025 the only national awards to recognise the vital role of governors, trustees, clerks, and lead governance professionals. These awards celebrate the outstanding governance practice and showcase powerful contribution governance makes to schools and the education of children and young people.

Nominate yourself, your board or an exceptional governance professional at *Outstanding Governance Awards 2025 National Governance Association*

Government Consultations

There are currently two consultations open:

1) Ofsted - This consultation seeks your views on the proposed reforms to inspections until 28 April. www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ofsted2025/

2) Social accountability reform

The government is asking parents, carers, professionals and learners what they think about their proposals to improve education inspections.

- The approach to, and the principles of, school accountability.
- The introduction of a new digital service – school profiles, which will be a one-stop shop with information on schools for parents; and
- The approach to improvement and support, with a stronger more timely, proportionate and effective approach to intervention.

School accountability reform - Department for Education - Citizen Space

Prevent

With the Prevent scheme having recently received much media attention, the DfE Regional Education Coordinator for London is running four on-line training sessions for governors in London schools. This will support you to understand your role in protecting young people from radicalisation and extremism.

- 1- Prevent induction/refresher
- 2- Introduction to incels
- 3- Online platforms and extremist content session
- 4- Gaming and extremism session

These will support your understanding of the Prevent duty and your safeguarding responsibilities in protecting young people from radicalisation and extremism. Click to book: *Prevent Training for London School Governors*

Prevent in education: training for governors and trustees in schools is also available. Click to book: *Prevent Training for school Governors & Trustees*

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