

THE BURY GOVERNOR

The Joint LA, BGA and BGD Governors' Newsletter Summer Term 2019

Message from the BGA Chair, Richard Ainsworth

Dear all

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break, the Spring term certainly has been an intensive one. A quick summary of the BGA meeting in March saw a depleted inclusion presentation due to illness, down from initial engagement Early Help (Kirsty Walton) and Inclusion Officers (Gareth Rennie and Suzanne Pendleton), with just Suzanne Pendleton making it. Suzanne being relatively new to the role, supporting primaries in the new SEN cluster model, her presentation was really enlightening to hear how this worked in practice.

This was followed by updates on how to navigate Perspective Lite by Mark Granby for those lucky enough to be given one of the 5 logins per school. Perspective Lite is an online library for all school related documents, available for download, and where applicable - for distribution to the board.

Updates from the BGA and BGD included a call for a few new active executive and development board members.

The North West NGA conference was in Manchester, so it would have been remiss to have missed it, with myself and Mark Granby attending. The presentation from the 4 speakers was excellent (Emma Knights – NGA chief exec; Vicky Beer – Regional Schools Commissioner; Sam Henson – NGA policy & Info and Andrew Cook – Ofsted Regional Director NW) The presentation has been distributed from Governor Services, but if you missed it – please get in touch and we can re-send it. Main points for me were Sam on the reporting system from your school leaders. They are *your* reports – so ask for the info *you* want, and Andrew on the new Ofsted framework, especially the link between knowledge and skill and the embedding of the wider curriculum.

Presentations should now be on the BGD website (more about the website later).

The joint BGA/BGD Spring conference, which will follow on the themes of the Inclusion team at the BGA meeting, focuses on the 4 I's – Inclusion/Intent/Implementation and Impact at the core for the morning, with Dr Tony Breslin giving more background on the governor's role in the development of an inclusive curriculum; so watch out for the invitations coming from Governor Support. Book your place through the burybg.co.uk website – places are limited, so don't leave it until the last minute.

Saturday 27th April 2019 - 09.00 to 13.00
Bury College - Woodbury Centre

The Summer term certainly looks set to be a changing landscape of education – hope to see you all again soon, at either the conference, or the next BGA meeting.

Tuesday, 11th June, 2019
19.00 - Town Hall

Governor Helpline

If you need help with governance issues, please contact the Governor Support Team either by phone or email on:

0161 253 5688 OR 0161 253 5617

Governors.Support@bury.gov.uk

Or visit our website:

www.bury.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

STATUTORY GUIDANCE REMINDER TO SCHOOLS – IMPORTANT

The 'Baker Clause' requires schools to provide a range of opportunities for providers of technical education and apprenticeships to visit pupils in years 8-13. One year on from the introduction of the Baker Clause, research has found that compliance is inconsistent across the country. A recent report by the Institute for Public Policy Research found that 70% of technical education providers say it is difficult to access schools in their area. Schools are expected to open up their doors to University Technical Colleges, FE colleges and apprenticeship providers to every pupil as part of a careers offer that is developed in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks. We know that all of you are working hard to ensure this happens; please make sure you have your policy on this access available on your school website, including contact details for providers should they wish to get in touch. Further details are in the statutory guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools>

Dates for your Diary

Chairs of Governors' Briefings:	16/04/19	03/09/19	14/01/19	6:45pm Peel Room Town Hall
Bury Governors' Association meetings:	11/06/19	14/11/19	TBC	7:00 pm Peel Room Town Hall
Bury Governor Development Group—board meetings:	12/06/19			12:30pm

The Bury Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

The Bury Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), who manages allegations against people who work or volunteer with children on a regular basis, would like school Governors to be aware that with the news report over the weekend that 3 Children Commissioners in the UK have referred to the UN to look into the use of restraint and seclusion in UK schools, all Bury School Head Teachers and safeguarding leads were invited to a presentation (2 x sessions available) in January 2018 by the LADO and a Detective Sargent from the Bury Police about the criminal thresholds and the DfE's own guidance around the "Use of Reasonable Force" in schools. This presentation was subsequently sent to all Bury School head teachers and schools so that they could present it to their staff as it came complete with accompanying notes and takes about 50 minutes to present. If governors could make sure that their schools do have this presentation and make enquiries with their heads/safeguarding leads as to whether it has been cascaded down to staff please. It is also important that all school staff are aware of the DfE guidance around "Use of Reasonable Force", which can be found here:-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/Use_of_reasonable_force_advice_Reviewed_July_2015.pdf

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Pre-Employment Programme for Key Stage 4 pupils

With the support of Bury Life Chances Commission, Bury Council has recently commissioned the organisation MPLOY to deliver a pilot project to support young people facing barriers when they leave school after Year 11. A personalised programme of work experience activities will be offered and targeted to young people to help motivate and re-engage them in learning and prepare for a positive transition to the world of work and learning. Please see the document for further information. Should you require further discussion, contact details for MPLOY and the Council are on the document.



Bury Children's Trust

Bury Children's Trust aims to improve outcomes for children and young people through better partnership working. A big part of the work of the Children's Trust is to providing opportunities for organisations to better understand each other's work and how they can work together. This includes:

- Lunchtime Learning/briefing
 - The Children's Trust host free lunchtime learning sessions and briefings on a whole range of topics. These sessions are held monthly and are open anyone who works with children, young people and families in Bury. These are advertised via the Children's Trust Weekly Email.
- Children's Trust Weekly Email
 - This weekly e-mail provides a wide range of information relevant to people who work with children and young people including funding opportunities, new government policy, events, training and conferences, toolkits and new services to name a few. This information is sent out very widely across the public, private and voluntary sector, usually on a Tuesday
- Children's Trust Website
 - The Children's Trust Website holds much information relevant to people who work with children, young people and families in Bury. This information includes factsheets and presentations from the Lunchtime learning / briefing sessions.
www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11152
- Children, young people and families VCF Forum
 - This forum is for voluntary, charity and faith organisations working with children, young people and families in Bury. It is an excellent opportunity to share information and resources.

- Ad Hoc events such as networking events, conferences and consultations.
- Support to organisations via information sharing and a point of contact.

To find out more or join the mailing list for the Children's Trust Weekly email, please email ChildrensTrust@bury.gov.uk

For Training Courses

To book a course or for further information:

Email: training@besttrust.uk

Telephone: 0161 603 4628

Bury Safeguarding Training Dates

- **E Safety & Cyber Safety**, Wednesday 24/04/2019
9:00am-5.00pm @ Bury Business Lodge
- **Managing Allegations**, Wednesday 08/05/2019
9:00am-5.00pm @ Townside PCC (Room 501)
- **Designated Person**, Wednesday 14/05/2019
9:00am-5.00pm @ Bury Business Lodge
- **Safer Recruitment**, Wednesday 02/06/2019
8:45am-4:30pm @ Bury Business Lodge
- **Safer Recruitment**, Wednesday 05/06/2019
9:00am-5:00pm @ Bury Business Lodge
- **Toxic Trio**, Wednesday 10/06/2019
9:00am-4:30pm @ Bury Business Lodge
- **Managing Allegations**, Thursday 10/10/2019
9:00am-12.30pm @ Townside PCC (Room 501)

A full list of courses can be found at:

www.buryscbglobal.net/AvailableCoursesList.asp

To book a course: - Log on to the training website and select New Account to create an account. Each person requiring training must have their own account. If you already have an account and have forgotten your login details, please contact June Short at j.short@bury.gov.uk

Please note: You can book onto a course that is already fully booked to go on a waiting list.

Governor Training

DATE	TIME	TITLE
27/04/19	09.00 - 13.00	BGA Spring Conference
29/04/19	14.00 - 16.30	Knowing Your School - Providing Effective Challenge
29/04/19	18.00 - 20.30	Knowing Your School - Providing Effective Challenge
02/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Governor's Employer Responsibilities and Staffing
02/05/19	18.00 - 20.30	Governor's Employer Responsibilities and Staffing
07/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Board Self-Evaluation and Governor Mark
07/05/19	18.00 - 20.30	Board Self-Evaluation and Governor Mark
09/05/19	18.00 - 19.00	Specialist Governor Role in Achievement and the Pupil Premium Grant
09/05/19	19.15 - 20.15	Specialist Governor Role in School Readiness
13/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Knowing Your School through Data
13/05/19	18.00 - 20.30	Knowing Your School through Data
16/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Performance Related Pay and Pay Appeals
16/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Performance Related Pay and Pay Appeals
20/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Multi-School Governance Arrangements
20/05/19	18.00 - 20.30	Multi-School Governance Arrangements
22/05/19	14.00 - 16.30	Headteacher Performance Management
22/05/19	18.00 - 20.30	Headteacher Performance Management
04/06/19	14.00 - 16.30	Being Ofsted Inspection Ready
04/06/19	18.00 - 20.30	Being Ofsted Inspection Ready
06/06/19	14.00 - 16.30	National Induction Course for New Governors/Trustees (Parts 1/2)
06/06/19	18.00 - 20.30	National Induction Course for New Governors/Trustees (Parts 1/2)
11/06/19	19.00 - 21.00	Summer Term BGA Briefing
12/06/19	14.00 - 16.30	National Induction Course for New Governors/Trustees (Parts 3/4)
12/06/19	18.00 - 20.30	National Induction Course for New Governors/Trustees (Parts 3/4)
13/06/19	18.00 - 19.30	Specialist Governor's Role in Safeguarding
17/06/19	18.00 - 19.30	Specialist Governor's Role in Inclusive Schools
17/06/19	18.00 - 19.30	Governor's Role in Financial Efficiency
20/06/19	18.00 - 20.30	Governor's Role in Financial Efficiency

Message from the BGD Chair, Mark Lockwood

I hope that all governors and trustees had a good Easter break.

You will be aware that Mark Granby's role as Principle Governance Officer has come to an end. On your behalf I would like to thank Mark for the sterling work he has done over the last seven months on the training programme and the website.

There is a comprehensive programme for the Summer term on the Bury Governance Development website (www.burygd.co.uk). The feedback that we have had from the revamped courses in the spring term has been very good. As always, I cannot emphasise too much the need to have a governing body capable of challenging as well as supporting the work of their schools. The programme has been designed to enable governors and trustees to fulfil that role.

The website also provides a link to the NGA learning link, an online learning tool that is available to all governors in schools that have bought in to the full governor package. The number of governors that have registered is on the rise but there are many that haven't, so why not give it a try!

Best regards

Mark Lockwood

BGD Chair