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Thank You

The Leadership & Governance team would like to thank all school governors in Northamptonshire for their commitment and hard work throughout the academic year

2010/11. Without the dedication of school governors all head teachers and senior leaders would have much harder and challenging tasks to face in schools.

The intention of our team in 2011/2012 is to continue to offer our LASI Aspire member schools support and guidance in tackling difficult issues as well as advising on how to plan for a successful future.

Additionally we'll be enhancing our programme of governor training in response to demand from governors and continuing to offer value for money to all our members.

Training Dates for September

All scheduled governor training will be held in the Management Development Centre at the Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW. For a map and directions, click on www.marriott.co.uk

GA2/11: Governor Induction Part 1 – Introduction to School Governance/Roles and Responsibilities 19th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GG2/11: Understanding Health & Safety – 19th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GB2/11: Governor Induction Part 2 – The Governor As A Critical Friend/Monitoring & Evaluation 21st September 6.30pm – 8.30pm

GF2/11: Managing Allegations – 21st September 6.30pm – 8.30pm

SGL02/11: Safer Recruitment in Education –
23rd September 9.30am – 4.30pm

New Governor Induction Training

Since the launch of LASI Aspire, we have offered free training for new School Governors who have been in post since September 2010, in LASI Aspire member schools.

To date, this new initiative has proved to be extremely popular and new governors have found the three 2-hour sessions helpful and informative and governing bodies as a whole have viewed the programme as excellent value for money and a great opportunity of getting their new governors up to speed with their roles and responsibilities.

Our next course which commences 19th September is currently full, therefore we are offering an additional Part 1 (and subsequently Parts 2 & 3) in response to overwhelming demand. If you are a LASI Aspire member, please encourage your new governors to take advantage of this no-cost training now.

Governor Briefings

Since we ceased to offer Link Governor Briefings around the county, we have listened carefully to feedback from governors and have worked hard to provide an effective replacement.

Therefore in September we are launching the first of our “Governor Briefings”. This will be a one hour information session and is available for one governor to attend from each governing body. Numbers will be limited, so its advisable to book early. Should we experience a high demand for places we will add in an additional date.

Please note, this is a great opportunity for your Link Governor to attend these briefing sessions, but attendance is open to any serving governor.

Schools who have LASI Aspire membership will be able to send one governor at no charge, any

additional governors attending from each member school will be charged at £35 per head. Attendees from schools who are not members of LASI Aspire will be charged £35 per delegate.

Governor Briefings will be held in the Management Development Centre at the Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW. For a map and directions, click on www.marriott.co.uk

To book training & briefings

CK11A/11: Governor Briefings: 14th September
6.00pm – 7.00pm

Booking is simple, click on:
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd to review what is available, then
e-mail: cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Clerks' Briefings

These will be held in the Management Development Centre at the Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW. For a map and directions, click on www.marriott.co.uk

CK10A/11: Clerks' briefings for Non-LA Clerks only: 14th September 10.00am – 11.00am

CK10B/11: Clerks' briefings for LA Clerks only:
14th September 10.00am – 12.00pm

CK11B/11: Clerks' briefings for LA Clerks only:
14th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Clerks' Accreditation

This will be a nine month programme of supervision and training against the key competencies of effective clerking for 21st century schools.

Each school will be charged as follows for the whole programme:

- £292 for schools who paid into Early Bird as LASI Aspire members
- £311 for schools who are LASI Aspire members
- £389 for non-LASI Aspire members

This programme offers excellent value and support for your Clerk, especially when compared to the price of a one day course, for instance.

CK13/11: Cohort 2: All Clerks in Northamptonshire schools: 5th October 6.00pm-8.00pm at the Management Development Centre, Marriott Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton NN4 7HW. For a map and directions, click on www.marriott.co.uk

National Training Programme for Clerks

CK14/11: National Training Programme for Clerks Part 1: 27th September 10.00am – 1.00pm

CK15/11: National Training Programme for Clerks Part 2: 27th September 1.30pm – 4.30pm

This training will be delivered at the Northampton Saints rugby ground, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Rd, Northampton NN5 5BG.

School Teacher Appraisal Regulations

Briefings are currently being planned; these will be x2 one hour briefings for Head Teachers, Governors and Performance Manager Reviewers in response to the Education School Teachers Appraisal Regulations 2011.

These briefings will be delivered at the Northampton Saints rugby ground, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Rd, Northampton NN5 5BG.

LS18/11: Briefing on new School Teacher Regulations: 28th September 6-7pm

LS19/11: Briefing on new School Teacher Regulations: 29th September 6-7pm

Jargon Buster “Reception Year”

This is the introductory year in primary school. Some children enter Reception Year in September, aged four. Others start in January

or April, aged five and complete one or two terms before moving to Year 1.

Some children start off with half day sessions. In state primary school Reception Year classes there must be one adult for every 13 children.

Revised Early Years Foundation Framework: Core Purpose of Children's Centres

On Thursday 6 July the Department for Education (DfE) made two announcements in relation to early years education. The first was a consultation on the new Early Years Foundation Framework. This revision follows the recommendations in the [Tickell Review](#). The EYFS Framework is a formal consultation with a closing date of 30 September 2011. The full consultation documents can be found via the attached link - [EYFS Framework Consultation](#)

At the same time the DfE has also published a discussion paper on what it thinks is the core purpose of Children's Centres. The DfE's view is that establishing a core purpose – which it thinks should be focussed on:

Improving outcomes for young children and their families, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged families, in order to reduce inequalities in:

- child development and school readiness;

Supported by improved:

- parenting aspirations, self esteem and parenting skills;
- child and family health and life chances.

The full document and DfE statement can be viewed via the attached link - [DfE Core Purpose Documents](#)

This is a discussion document rather than a formal consultation so although there is an online form to send views it does not have a three month deadline.

Agenda items for the 2011 Autumn Governing Body meetings

For a list of agenda items, simply go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors click on the section headed "Clerks" and under the heading, "Latest News" click on "Agenda items for the Autumn term agenda 2011"

Governance team.

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www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

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Please be aware that things are currently changing on a frequent basis.

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