

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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For Governors by Governors.**

This email is sent to all members of the LASGB, covering information which we hope you will find of interest. Your comments on the contents of the email, or any other matters, will be very welcome. For more information about the LASGB please email [johnmdavey@btinternet.com](mailto:johnmdavey@btinternet.com).

## **LASGB Annual Conference “Routes to Excellence”**

Just over a month to go to the LASGB Annual Conference which will be held at Woodlands Conference Centre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. Speakers will include Vicky Beer, Regional Schools Commissioner; Jane Booth, Independent Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board and Tony Nicholson, Executive Principle. Book your place early using this link [here](#).

Do you have an idea for a conference, a burning question that the LASGB could answer? If so it may be an issue that others may be facing. Please send your suggestions/queries to [here](#). Please, also consider if you have a governor who has given outstanding service to your governing body as we are looking for nominees for the LASGB Governance award.

## **Education White Paper.**

[Educational Excellence Everywhere](#) the new white paper from the DfE has a number of issues for Lancashire. Sir Michael Wilshaw, addressing a meeting of Lancashire head teacher, held Lancashire up a beacon of excellence in the northwest. Lancashire is at or near the top of the league tables for good and outstanding schools. Lancashire is also one of the least academised authorities in the country with only around 5% of educational established either academies or free schools. If enforced academisation is the answer, what is the question?

Are parent governors a bonus or a bane? How many current governors are parents or started as a parent governors. Please consider the white paper, follow the link above, and please [let us have your thoughts](#) so that we can accurately represent your views.

## **School Websites.**

It is the nature of my role as editor to look at school websites to governor details and school contact information. Occasionally I find that governor details are behind a password and so not publically available. This does not meet the regulations. The DfE have published what [must appear on maintained school websites](#).

A word of warning, though. Your editor has received a phishing letter via the school address. This is the usual phishing attempt telling me a relative has dies and I should send money. The editor believes this has come as a result of details appearing on the website. If you have received any similar letters through your school address please contact [the editor](#) so we can collect evidence for the police.



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### **School Maintenance**

News over the weekend from Edinburgh about maintenance issues in seventeen PFI schools built in the last ten years must make every governor worry about their school. The shock of an unexpected building issue is may put both students and the budget in jeopardy. Although maintenance is an operational matter and therefore the responsibility of the staff, governors should be aware that appropriate measures are in place to avoid any unpleasant surprises. For example when did you last have an asbestos survey completed?

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### **LASGB Support for Governors**

Please remember that LASGB is here to help you. If you have any concerns, require support, have a subject you would like us to bring to conference or the mini-conferences please don't hesitate to contact:- John Davey, chair; Chris McConnachie, vice-chair, or Bill Hodgson, president, using our corporate e-mail [admin@lasgb.org.uk](mailto:admin@lasgb.org.uk).

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