

# News Bulletin



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## Introduction

Just as we heard that we had a new Secretary of State we were plunged into a period of national mourning and the business of government seemed to stop, or certainly dropped out of sight. So it will be interesting this week to see what noises the new DfE make. At a risk of being party political, the omens do not look good. I have detected no reality from the new cabinet about the financial pressures facing schools and indeed the only message on education that I have heard is the PM's belief (despite all the evidence) that selective schools promote social mobility. I am meeting with colleagues from the Confederation of School Trusts this afternoon to discuss how we can exert our influence before any harm is done or announced. I shall also be seeking meetings with our MPs, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Liam Fox and John Penrose, to make them aware of the increasing strain on school finances and the importance of the government seeing through the previous Sec of State's SEND Green Paper.

Another week and another Ofsted. Duncan Cook and the team at Hannah More Infants hosted one of His Majesty's Inspectors last week and although as ever we cannot share any outcomes, we were in agreement with their view of the school. The close partnership between Heads and the LSP Education Team is a vital foundation for us as we deal with these inspections.

Gary

## Policy consultations

We are today launching a number of policy consultations, as detailed below:

A consultation summary is available and all of the proposed policies are available [here](#). The consultation period will run from 20th September to 18th October. Where possible, the proposed changes have been tracked for your information.

Operational Policies		
Data Protection	Freedom of Information	Records Management

We had also planned to consult on some other policies, but these have now been rescheduled. Details are in the [consultation summary](#).

We would like to encourage Headteachers and School Business Managers to participate in this consultation. We would also like Chairs of Local Governing Bodies to ensure that the consultation is reported to their LGB and any response from the LGB is noted in their minutes. Chairs may wish to identify a member(s) of the LGB to lead on making a response to share the workload and benefit from governor skills. The Headteacher and Chair of the LGB may also want to consider sharing the consultation with other stakeholders.

Please submit your comments on the consultation to Diane Logan at [dlogan@lsp.org.uk](mailto:dlogan@lsp.org.uk). If you would like to submit changes to any of the policies, please highlight your changes or make them using tracked changes and also send them to Diane.

## RPA Survey - Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> September

As part of our risk management process, the RPA requires each school to complete a Smart Survey questionnaire for the academic year 2022/23 which can be accessed here:-

### RPA RISK MANAGEMENT SURVEY - 2022-23

This is a requirement of the RPA scheme and allows them to assess if we are meeting the minimum standards required or if we may need additional support. It is also an opportunity to let the RPA know what subjects they should consider for future risk management workshops and guidance.

The survey should take no longer than fifteen minutes to complete and **to be returned no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. To help you complete the form, we have prepared a [partially completed survey](#) to help you this this. We have highlighted the answers in blue that we think apply to all schools in the Trust (Questions 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, & 14). However, there are some questions that require a specific answer from each individual school (Questions 1-4, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17 & 18).

In the main part of the survey, you are given four questions to answer. For those we have identified that need a specific school response, please select the answer that best describes your risk management standards in that area. If you need further guidance, please refer to the worked example.

Please inform Fiz Forrest ([fforrest@lsp.org.uk](mailto:fforrest@lsp.org.uk)) when you have completed the survey as the Central Team are required to monitor your responses. Many thanks

If you have completed a similar survey within the last 12 months, you will still need to complete this one, as the RPA says that there have been significant changes to the survey and circumstances may have changed in this period within your school.

## Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 - Confirmed dates for visits to schools

Audit Theme	School/Central	Hub	Day	Date
Budgetary Control	Gordano School	Portishead	Monday	28th November 2022
	Backwell Junior and West Leigh Infant Schools	Backwell	Tuesday	29th November 2022
	Bishop Sutton & Stanton Drew Primary Schools	Chew Valley	Wednesday	30th November 2022
	St Andrew's Primary School	Churchill	Tuesday	6th December 2022
	Blagdon Primary School	Churchill	Tuesday	13th December 2022
	Golden Valley Primary School (but not until term 6)	Backwell	Wednesday	14th June 2023
Capital	St Peter's Primary School	Portishead	Wednesday	18th January 2023
	Chew Valley School	Chew Valley	Monday	24th January 2023
	Central Team	n/a	Wednesday	11th January 2023
Business Continuity and Risk Management	St Mary's and Wraxall Primary Schools (Federation)	Portishead	Wednesday	3rd May 2023
	Flax Bourton Primary School	Backwell	Wednesday	7th June 2023
	East Harptree and Ubley Primary Schools	Chew Valley	Tuesday	13th June 2023
	Winford Primary School	Churchill	Monday	26th June 2023
	Central Team	n/a	Wednesday	26th April 2023
	Central Team	n/a	Thursday	27th July 2023
Contracts	Central Team	n/a	Thursday	27th July 2023
Cyber Security	TBC, see dates below if cyber isn't part of IA programme	n/a		
Pupil Premium	Churchill Academy and Sixth Form (subject to conversion)	Churchill	Thursday	11th May 2023

## LSP Safeguarding Audit

The School Improvement Team is pleased to offer schools the opportunity to have a safeguarding audit to ensure that robust procedures and safeguarding practices are in place.

The timetable for the 2.5 hour audit will be:

8.30 - 9.00am: SCR , declaration and training check  
9.00 - 10.00am: Discussion with DSL  
10.00 - 10.30am: Pupil voice  
10.30 - 11.00am: Feedback and actions

The audit will be recorded on [this form](#) to identify strengths and any areas for action.

We would like all schools in the OFSTED window, those joining the Trust or schools with a new DSL to have an audit by the end of this term and we will be in touch to book a date. Other schools are also welcome to book an audit (please contact [jashman@lsp.org.uk](mailto:jashman@lsp.org.uk)).

## 175 Safeguarding Audit

Schools in North Somerset have been sent a 175 Safeguarding Audit to complete and submit later in the term. I am in the process of completing any Trust wide sections and will send them to schools by the end of September so they can complete and return to North Somerset.

*Janine Ashman*

## Effective Support Guidance - to replace Threshold Guidance

Click [here](#) to read the new Effective Support for Child and Families in North Somerset guidance. This **replaces** the Threshold of Needs guidance.

Please replace all copies and spend some time digesting the new material.

## Free Hate Crime training from SARI

Click [here](#) to download the flyer from SARI offering free Twilight staff training sessions on Hate Crime.

# FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE

## Governor Training - Autumn Term

Please contact Fiz Forrest ([fforrest@lsp.org](mailto:fforrest@lsp.org)) for further information.

Description	Start date
Clerk Network - 18:00-19.30	29/09/2022
Chairs Development Group - 10.30-12.00	04/10/2022
Safeguarding Link Governor Update - Briefing on key KCSIE updates 18.00-19:30	11/10/2022
Chairs Development Group 19.00-20.30	13/10/2022
Effective Governance in the LSP (new Governors) - 10.30-12.00	19/10/2022
Effective Governance in the LSP (new Governors) - 19.00-20.30	20/10/2022