

Half Termly Governance Newsletter



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Welcome back

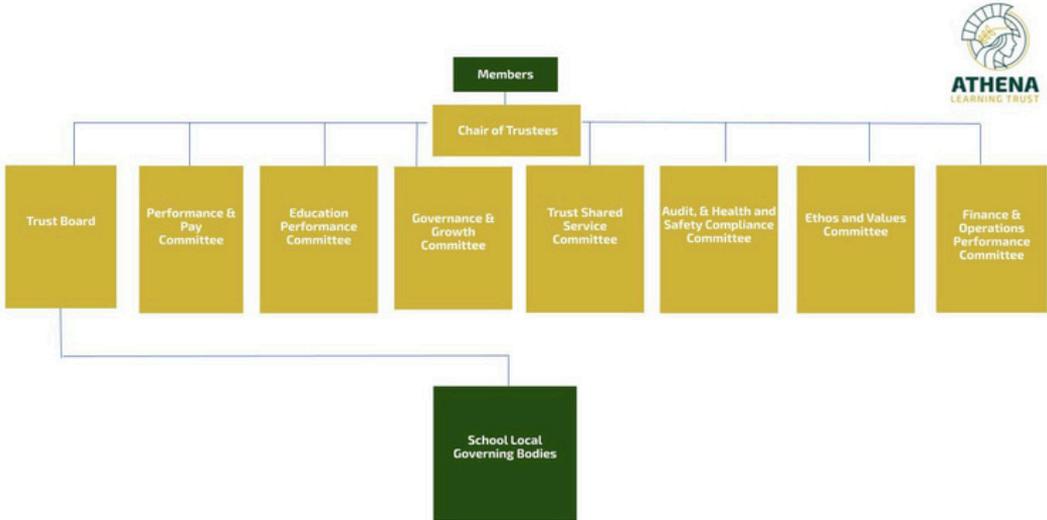
Dear Members, Trustees, and Governors,

We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer break. As we gather again for another exciting year, we are eager to share our plans and accomplishments with you, including the wonderful results achieved across trust schools during recent exams. We look forward to your continued support and involvement as we work together for another year where we will continue to ***dream big, be kind, and take responsibility.***



Governance Structure

Members, trustees and local governors



Growth within trust governance

Over the past year, we have seen a remarkable surge of interest in our governance roles, reflecting the growing engagement and dedication within our community. This enthusiasm has allowed us to expand our team significantly, strengthening the leadership and oversight that drive our organisation's success. We are delighted to welcome 1 new member to our governance team, along with 3 highly experienced Trustees who bring a wealth of knowledge and insight. Additionally, we have appointed 22 new governors, each of whom brings unique perspectives and expertise to our board. These new appointments are a testament to the vibrant and dynamic nature of our governance, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have as we continue to grow and evolve over this academic year.



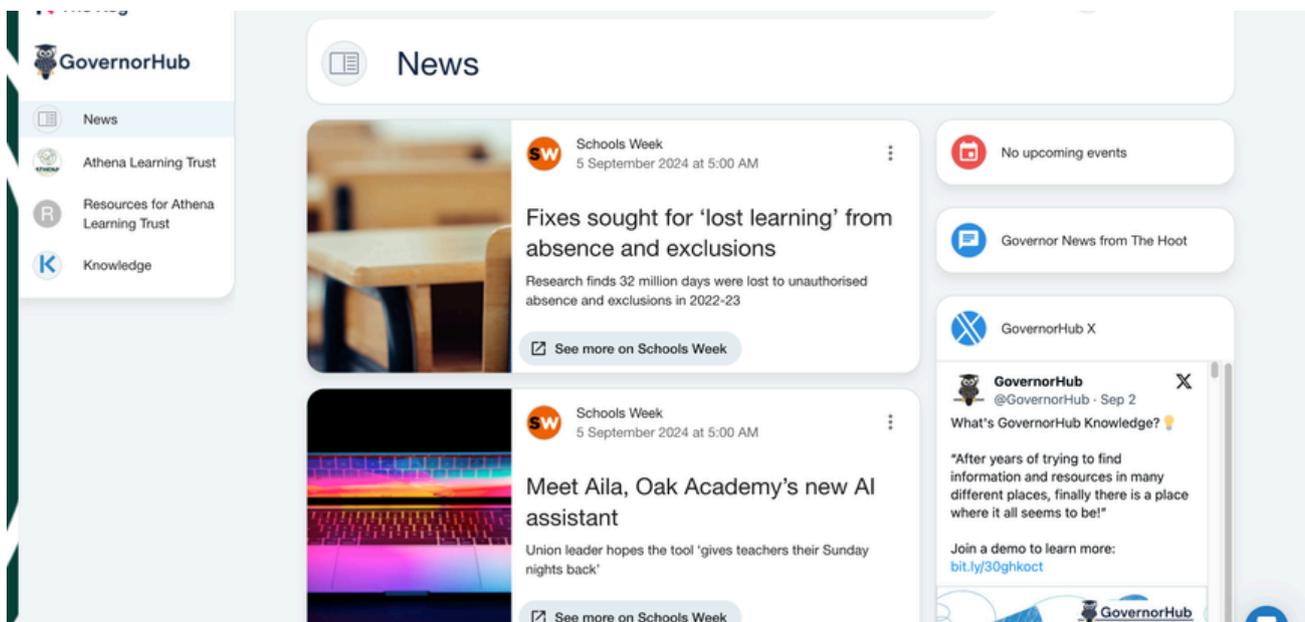
The introduction of Governor Hub

What is Governor Hub?

GovernorHub is an online platform tailored specifically for our governing boards, making it easier to manage our responsibilities effectively. It provides a central place where we can:

- Manage boards efficiently
- Stay connected and organised with all our governors
- Build a comprehensive body of evidence that our board(s) can access whenever needed

In short, GovernorHub streamlines all our clerking tasks, allowing us to complete them with greater ease and efficiency.



Governor and trustee training

Our Trust is committed to fostering strong governance by leveraging targeted learning opportunities:

- **Training Courses:** Our governors and trustees are benefiting from courses specifically designed to strengthen their roles. Whether stepping into a new position or deepening their current expertise, these courses provide a solid foundation.
- **Learning Pathways:** Governors and trustees across the Trust are accessing a carefully curated selection of articles, enabling them to enhance their knowledge on key governance topics.
- Take advantage of these opportunities and complete the assessments to earn certificates, which will automatically be added to your training record on GovernorHub. These tools are helping our Trust build a confident, informed governance team.

Training courses

Get the skills you need to take on a new role, or excel in your current one.

Learning pathways New

Get to grips with key topics with our hand-picked selection of articles.



In progress

Safeguarding for governance

For all governors and trustees in all school types; understand your role and the key tasks in safeguarding in line with the requirements in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2024.

🕒 Course length: 3 to 3.5 hours



Pupil premium

Pupil premium funding helps schools close the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. We'll help you understand your role in making sure this funding is used as effectively as possible.

🕒 Course length: 2 hours



Staff governor

Whether you're a new staff governor wanting to get to grips with your role, or just looking to build your confidence, we'll help you understand your role and your key tasks, so you can make an impact right away.

🕒 Course length: 2



Parent governor/trustee

Whether you're a new parent governor/trustee or



Safer Recruitment

This course provides all the safer recruitment



Safeguarding link governor

Whether you're a new safeguarding link governor,

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

As always, we encourage all governors to take advantage of the training and continuous professional development (CPD) opportunities available through Governor Hub, NGA and CST.

They are all invaluable resources to enhance your skills and knowledge, ensuring you're well-equipped to fulfil your role effectively.

[Governor Hub](#)

Contact Us

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