



Buckinghamshire Association of School Governors

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Dear Governors and Clerks,

I hope that your return to school for all children has gone well for you.

I would like to highlight some important items to you all for the start of the new term.

The first item is for me to clear up the confusion that I have caused last week regarding the circulation of a general agenda and supportive information for the planning of agendas this term. I was genuinely unaware that the template that I used for the general agenda was the BEP version and that this was part of a package of support provided by BEP to clerks and governors in Buckinghamshire. I distributed this without permission or acknowledgement of BEP's work and apologise for this and the extra work that it has generated BEP since the circulation. The circulation was sent out via Buckinghamshire Council for me, they were also unaware that this document was BEP's.

The general agenda has now been removed from the BASG and BC web pages, the supportive information has been reattached for you. I also want to clarify that the wording in my email circulation could have read differently and it was never intended to suggest that this agenda was the preferred option, but an example for you to consider. BASG remains a completely independent and voluntary run organisation.

The next items that I would like to highlight are that over the past year we have worked hard to build on, our already strong relationship with Buckinghamshire Council, we have been part of the discussions to secure the NGA membership and Learning Link for all governors and clerks of maintained schools and for Academies at a discounted rate.

BASG have also been in discussions with Buckinghamshire Council regarding free governor training in key areas and led by key people from within Buckinghamshire Council, you would have seen the circulation of this information which is signposted on the BASG website, <http://www.bucksgovernors.org/events/governor-training-programme-autumn-2020-update/>

BASG would like to thank Buckinghamshire Council for the renewal of NGA and the Learning Link and the package of free governor training that will be provided during the autumn term.

Finally, I would like to remind you that all governors in Buckinghamshire are full members of BASG, including members of academy and MAT boards and those of Local Governing Bodies within MATs.

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