



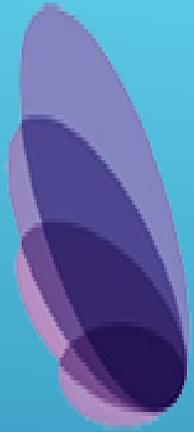
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BASG AGM

14th January 2021

**With guest speaker Emma Knights OBE
Chief Executive of the NGA**

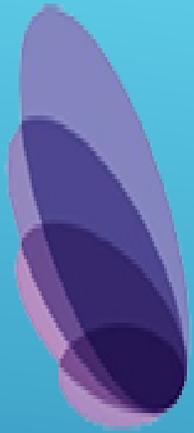
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BASG AGM AGENDA

- **17.00 – 17.30 – AGM**
- **17.30 – 18.00 - Guest Speaker – Emma Knights**
National Governance Association
- **18.00 – 18.15 - Questions for Emma Knights**



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1 - Welcome and apologies – AOB?

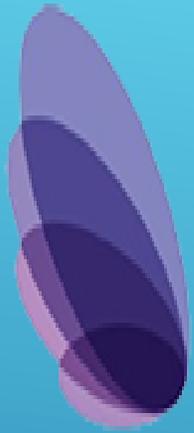
2 – Minutes of our AGM held on the 27.11.19 – these have been seen by our Executive Committee who are happy to approve and are posted on our website. Minutes AGM – 27th November 2019 – Bucks Association of School Governors (bucksgovernors.org)

3 – Matters arising – there were no matters arising.

4 – Our accounts currently have a balance of £3506.59

All Governors in Buckinghamshire are full members of BASG, including members of academy and MAT boards and those of Local Governing Bodies within MATs.

Membership is entirely free; we are able to offer free membership as we have reduced our costs to a minimum.



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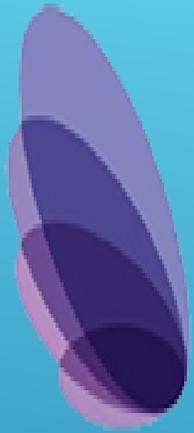
5 Chairs Update

Reflecting on some positives

- Free membership to the NGA and Learning Link – provided by Buckinghamshire Council
- Our website
- Our relationship with Buckinghamshire Council
- Direct contact for support
- Buckinghamshire Council lead Governor Training

Some areas for the future

- Developing Networking Meetings
- Regular meetings with Buckinghamshire Council
- Mentoring
- To continue to support robust and effective governance across Buckinghamshire



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6 – Election of Officers – the following have highlighted their wish to stand again

Chair – Paul Randall – proposer and seconder?

Vice Chair – Anne Sheddick – proposer and seconder?

Treasurer – Jo Pearce – proposer and seconder?

Secretary – Gwyneth Langley – proposer and seconder?

The Executive Committee are also willing to stand again

Maggi Bull

Peter Lerner

Joanne Marchant

Tomas Pukalski

Bernadette Allison

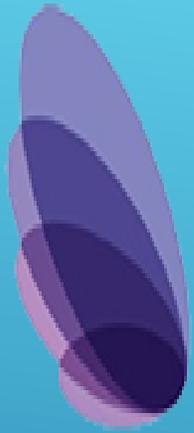
Two new members that are joining us

Martin Baxter

Andrew Brown

We have one vacancy for a committee member

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7 - Open Members discussion – any thoughts comments or suggestions?

8 – AOB –

9 – Meeting closure and welcome guest speaker.

BASG is the local voice for governing boards we can only act on information that you provide to us. Please engage with us via our web site or by using my contact details.

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Buckinghamshire Association of School Governors: AGM Jan 2021

The future of school governance

Emma Knights OBE, Chief Executive
National Governance Association

NGA is a membership organisation

- NGA is an independent, not-for-profit charity representing and supporting governors, trustees and clerks of state schools in England
- Our aim is to improve the educational standards and wellbeing of young people by increasing the effectiveness of governing boards and promoting high standards
- We are expert leaders in school and trust governance, providing information, advice and guidance, professional development and e-learning

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The NGA Advice Service

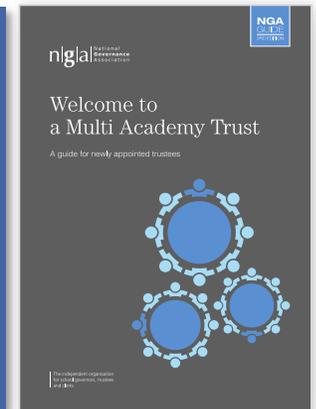
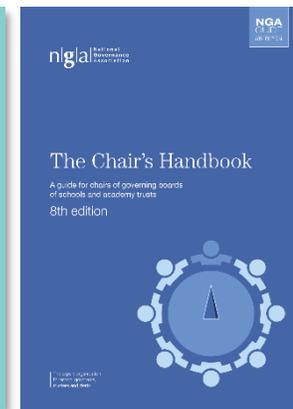
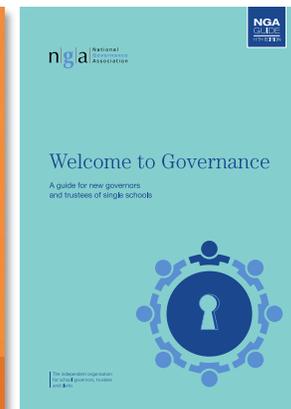
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Governing board membership

- **STANDARD governing board £97**
- **GOLD governing board £275**
- **MATs on sliding scale**

www.nga.org.uk/membership



Thank you for what you do for the pupils and the community

- In your schools and at BASG
- And especially during COVID times
- Working together at local, county and national level

NGA aims to be your voice with the Department for Education & other national agencies

We collect views and experiences through every possible route:

- Our GOLD advice line, our website, events & professional development sessions
- By e-mail: covidfeedback@nga.org.uk
- Our research

What you told us during lockdown 1 were your priorities

The top six concerns overall were:

1. Balancing the budget: 40%
 2. Staff wellbeing including workload: 36%
 3. Ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum: 28%
 4. Improving attainment: 28%
 5. Pupil wellbeing: 28%
 6. Support for pupils with SEND: 22%
- For more detail: see [Annual-school-governance-survey/2020](#)

Some positive legacy from COVID

- Some new ways of governing will be retained in part: improving attendance & efficiency
- The central importance of schools to their community:
 - but also the importance of place to school policy
- Better collaboration across localities, including with other agencies
- Is there evidence that being in a formal group of schools (a MAT or federation) has provided support, in particular to smaller schools?

On the other hand, some concerns have been exacerbated, especially:

- Recruitment & retention of school leaders
- Disadvantage gap



The future – but avoiding major predictions

- Stronger relationships with parents
- Renewed emphasis on different groups of children with particular challenges and working across the locality for solutions
- Curriculum to remain central stage: and governing boards to become more confident in those discussions
- School improvement via continuous professional development
- More diverse boards: but we do not underestimate the relentlessness of recruitment
- More sharing of tasks and responsibility: co-chairs & two vice-chairs
- BUT what about £££s?

IN PART THE FUTURE OF SCHOOLS IS IN YOUR HANDS

- Not everything will change or should change!



Meanwhile: lots of support & resources

NGA is setting up a small team of regional development leads: and one of their jobs is to work with local associations

Your Regional Development Lead is Simon Richards: Simon.Richards@nga.org.uk



Creating a strategy to turn vision into reality

1st core function of the Governing Board:

Setting vision, values, ethos and strategic direction, and ensuring a healthy culture which will deliver that strategy

How can you evidence that the ethos supports pupils with SEND?

What is the vision? Does it include SEND?

Where are we now?

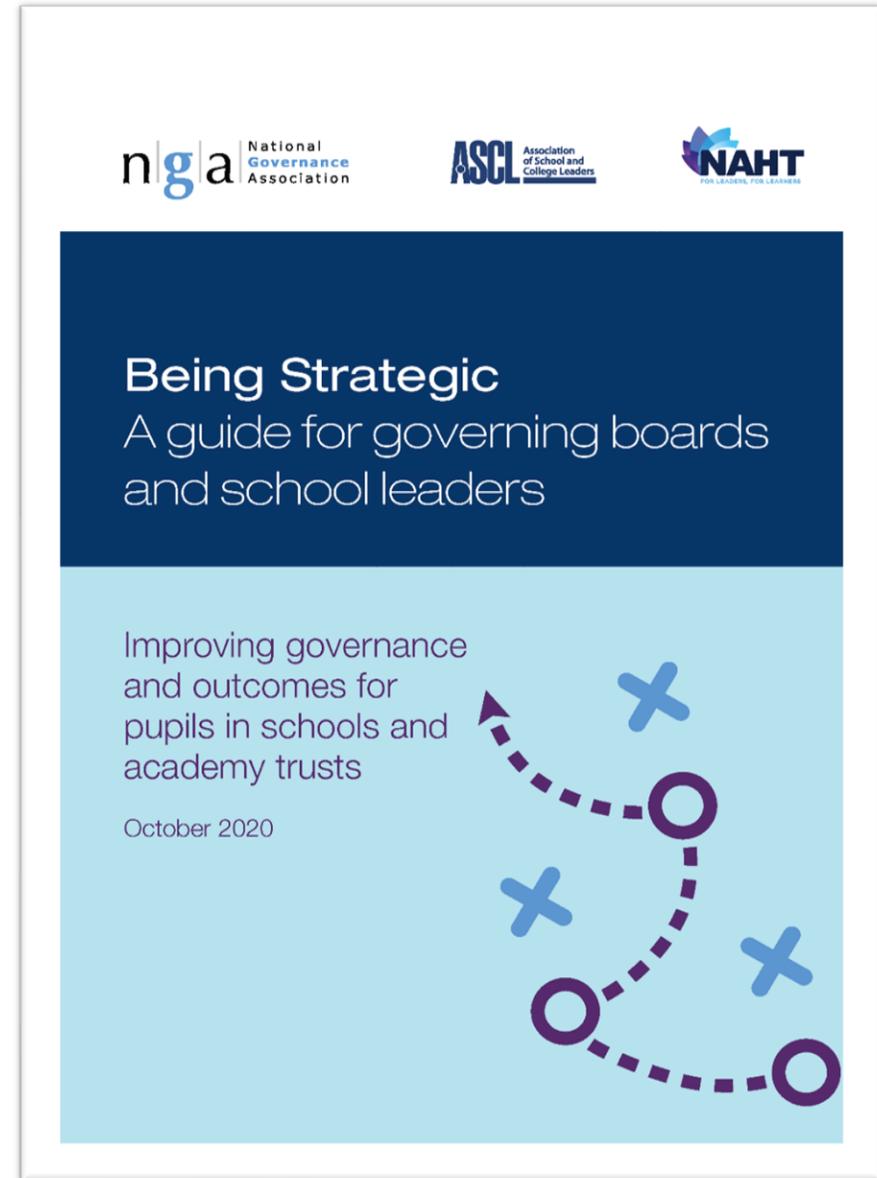
How do we get there?

How do we know if we are getting there?

Do we measure what we value?

Take control of your own destiny

<https://www.nga.org.uk/being-strategic.aspx>



Staff and Leader Wellbeing evaluation tool



NEW GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

Staff and leader wellbeing: evaluation tool for governing boards

www.nga.org.uk/wellbeing-tool



Headteacher and executive recruitment toolkit



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Headteacher and executive recruitment toolkit for governing boards



www.nga.org.uk/headteacher-recruitment-toolkit

Good governance is ethical, effective & accountable



Free webinar on Good Governance: <https://www.nga.org.uk/News/Webinars.aspx>

About the Visible Governance campaign



- A year of celebrating the **power** of governance, the **people** that volunteer for the role and the **value** that good governance brings to the school system, including:
 - Encouraging and equipping individuals and boards to be visible with activities and resources
 - Sharing inspiring examples of visibility and the impact of good governance
 - Collaborating with national and local partners and engaging policymakers and politicians
 - Working with key groups, including employers, parents and pupils to increase understanding and volunteering
 - Recognising and celebrating the contribution of governance volunteers and professionals through the Outstanding Governance Awards and supporting honours nominations.
- **Get involved** by promoting your contribution to the education system and shine a light on the difference that good governance makes to your school/trust
- Find out more: www.nga.org.uk/visible-governance and #VisibleGovernance

NGA's Outstanding Governance Awards 2021

Nominations now open

Recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution that governing boards, clerks and governance professionals make every single day in schools and around the country!

Categories

- Outstanding governance in a single school
- Outstanding governance in a federation
- Outstanding governance in a multi academy trust
- Outstanding clerk to a governing board
- Outstanding lead governance professional *new for 2021*
- Outstanding vision & strategy

Deadline for entry – 9 am on Monday 26 April 2021

www.nga.org.uk/awards



Thank you for listening

I look forward to your questions & comments