

# Introducing BESST – Buckinghamshire Education School Support & Training

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**BESST – Buckinghamshire Education School Support & Training**, a new traded school improvement and governor support service from Buckinghamshire Council. BESST services are starting small and will be focused this term on governor support & training, the area where our research with headteachers, chairs of governors and clerks has told us the need is greatest. More information about BESST is available to view on our new [webpages](#).

A comprehensive governor training programme will be running throughout this academic year and will be starting with two sessions week commencing 20th September:

- **Governor Priorities – Autumn Term Agenda**, a one-hour session with Paul Randall and Anne Sheddick from the BASG, on Wednesday 22nd September.
- **Prevent Duty – Guidance for Governors**, a one-hour training session with Alison Watts, Prevent Education Officer, Buckinghamshire Council on Thursday 23rd September.

The whole autumn term training session is available to [book online](#).

We will also be running a **New Governors Welcome Package** in both the autumn and spring term, to support newly appointed governors get up to speed as quickly as possible. Please [book online](#) for the autumn cohort, before the 29th of September.

Buckinghamshire Council will be renewing the **NGA membership** for maintained schools for this academic year. Academies and free schools can purchase NGA membership at a discounted rate and maintained schools can upgrade to gold membership through the BESST webpages. Please see the details and links in the newsletter for more information.

We hope that your governing boards will find this new service of use, and we look forward to welcoming you onto BESST training throughout the year.

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