

## Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies Autumn Term Newsletter 2020



As I write schools are returning after the summer, with many precautions put in place and Kafka-esque contradictory government advice which is difficult to apply and frequently modified. The lock-down has been a period of great anxiety for many. Some parents have been able to rise to the challenge of educating their children at home, others not.

Over the summer there has been the trouble over the grading of qualifications without the examinations being taken. For some other people the grand shut-down has been a period of comparative and contemplative calm with long walks in the countryside only occasionally disrupted by being pursued by herds of cows, or the uninterrupted study of serious subjects, the working through of vast piles of Agatha Christie books or the honing of art forgery skills in the duplication of Impressionist paintings. With the long-awaited return to schools, however, it is hoped that some form of sane, rational normality will return, first to the lives of children, teachers and parents and then to society in general.

During this period the LASGB has faced similar uncertainties as schools as to what activities will be possible, going forward. Even before the corona outbreak we planned to hold our conference and annual general meeting as a combined event this autumn. This will not be possible. Instead we are to hold our AGM via zoom on the 10th October.

We hope that it will be possible to hold our conference in the Spring of 2021, but as yet there is no certainty over the form that this will take.

Most of the LASGB executive are now able to attend meetings via zoom. It is expected that governing body meetings and the Lancashire Schools Forum will take the same form.

Governors will have an important part to take in helping schools get back to some semblance of normality. As the situation develops during the autumn term further information will be provided through our email newsletter.

**Governor Awards:** Do you know of a governor who deserves an award? – Every year the LASGB gives awards to governors who are nominated for their outstanding work on governing bodies. Nominations in the form of a short statement explaining how the nominee has contributed to the life of the school should be made either by the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors. The nominations can be emailed to the LASGB at [admin@lasgb.org.uk](mailto:admin@lasgb.org.uk)

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