

**Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies
Spring Term Newsletter 2020**



Review of the Autumn Term: During the Autumn Term the Executive Committee met four times. On the 16th October we also had a liaison meeting with County. Thursday the 21st November saw our workshop about the Training Link Governor and this was well attended. Presentations were given by Lorimer Russell Hayes, Jackie Williams and David Bennett. A lot of ideas were shared and the LASGB intend to follow this up to try and do something about the sense of isolation felt by Training Link Governors. Our Annual General Meeting was on the 14th December, and following this we held an executive meeting where we welcomed two new members: Clive Gregory and Mandy Howarth.

Governor responsibility for the delivery of Religious Education

Since the 1944 Education Act Religious Education has been enshrined in our curriculum. Since then Religious Education has sometimes had 'lip service' given to it, though every Education Authority should have a SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education), which is obliged to provide a meaningful syllabus for this subject in all maintained schools.

In Lancashire we have a strong and active SACRE, the membership of which includes representatives from the majority of faiths, teaching unions and the NAHT. We are privileged to have Mrs Alison Lloyd, a Special Support Adviser as our adviser and she is an invaluable support to SACRE. We have embarked on a programme of visiting places of worship for our meetings and taking part in collective worship and RE lessons at the invitation of schools.

Under the revised programme for Ofsted inspections there is an increased focus on the RE curriculum and collective worship in all our schools.

A question about RE and how your school is fulfilling its responsibility as regards this important subject might not go amiss at your next governing body meeting. With the best outcome for our young people to have a fuller appreciation of the vital part that religion can play in their lives and the lives of others.

Further information is available on the SACRE website:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgOutsideBodyDetails.aspx?id=385>

Governor Awards: Do you know of a governor who deserves an award? – The LASGB gives awards to governors for outstanding work on governing bodies. The certificates will be presented at our AGM and conference in November, or at an assembly or governor meeting at your school. Nominations should be made either by the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors. Nominations can be emailed to the LASGB at admin@lasgb.org.uk

Is there a particular subject or issue which is affecting schools? How can we improve the LASGB? – Please contact us especially if you think there is a topic which is not being covered.

Forthcoming event: Special Schools meeting on Wednesday 18th March at the Tickled Trout Hotel Preston, refreshments starting at 6:30 for 7 pm.

For further information about our events and to subscribe to our email newsletter please see the website: www.lasgb.org.uk