

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



At the time of writing all our schools are closed and we do not know when they will be open again and life will return to some semblance of normality.

Our Executive Committee met on the 15th January where we discussed the 'New Relationship with Schools'. We also discussed the schools portal, and the work of our communications sub-group. The NGA were planning a drive to recruit new governors and a conference was planned for Manchester in June. We also intended to hold a workshop for Special Schools on the 18th March, but you will not be surprised to know that this did not take place.

On the 12th February we had our liaison meeting in County Hall. We had a presentation by Paul Duckworth about the 'New Relationship with Schools'. A report was given about a conference held in November and another about Governor Services. We were also told about the forthcoming civic reception, another event which was later cancelled.

Another Executive meeting took place on the 15th February, this time at the Samlesbury Hotel because the Tickled Trout had been flooded. Here we planned out our workshop on the New Ofsted framework. We hoped to present Headteachers and Governors who had recently undergone inspection under the new framework. This would have been held on the 2nd April. Some ideas for themes for our Autumn Conference and AGM were floated.

Finally the Executive did manage to meet on the 14th March. We discussed the work done by our communications sub-group. By this point we had cancelled the special schools workshop and it was understood that all schools would be closed during the forthcoming week. Some nominations for governor awards had also been received.

A few years ago now, Lancashire was criticised over its results. A letter was sent providing data to contradict the criticism. More recently a comment in a cafe was made that Lancashire's current results were below average. This is not shown in the School Profile. The question was asked whether a simple presentation of all our test results and inspection judgments could be put on the website to put to rest erroneous public perceptions of this sort.

The effects of any long closure of schools are likely to be profound, with some conscientious parents attempting to home-educate their children, and other parents less able to do this. The mental health implications of a long incarceration may be difficult, and the economic effect of the wider shut-down of businesses and social activities will also have far reaching effects. How schools will cope with this will be an important topic once schools re-open.

Do you know of any governors eligible for a governor award? All information and the details of how to nominate for the award is on the LASGB website: [lasgb.org.uk](http://lasgb.org.uk)

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