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Did you know the LASGB have their own 'private' Facebook group, where we share useful information related to all aspects of school governance.

We also use this channel to help publicise our workshops and conferences throughout the year.

Feel free to join the LASGB community, and please answer the questions once you request to join as it makes the process easier for our team.



Lancashire Association of School
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SEND - some thoughts following our recent workshop

At our most recent workshop entitled 'SEND - everyone's responsibility', we explored the current landscape in Lancashire schools and looked at a practical example of how the current strategy is brought to life in one primary setting.

There are, though, over 500 schools in Lancashire, each with a different context in which to explore the SEND agenda. Many of us, as governors, prioritise SEND in curriculum discussions and have appointed a SEND governor to be that link between the board and the school. In the same way in which the SENCO in school should not be taking *all* the responsibility for SEND pupils, the nominated governor should not take the *full* role for the board. It is each teacher's responsibility to cater for the progress of SEND pupils and it is the board's responsibility collectively to consider the implication on SEND pupils (and on inclusivity more generally,) in any decision made. The NGA recently published an article based on the National Association for Special Educational Needs' (nasen) principle of adopting a 'Think SEND!' approach in *all* decisions to the benefit of *all* pupils.

The NGA have also published a SEND Link Governor role description which has three sections:

1. Meeting with the SENCO on a regular basis and then reporting back to the board.
2. Understanding and monitoring SEND practice which includes staying abreast of new developments and guidance, and
3. Supporting the board to monitor SEND provision.

As governing boards, we frequently carry out the first role and, through that role and additional training we undertake the second also, but we possibly neglect the third. How many of our SEND link governors act as SEND champions? As the NGA describes, SEND link governors should:

'Champion an inclusive culture, reminding the board to consider the impact of their decisions on pupils with SEND.'

Does your board do this?



NASEN (National Association for Special Educational Needs) **Conference, 15 July 2022 - Birmingham NEC**

In our January newsletter there was a short article about NASEN (National Association for Special Educational Needs). The organisation exists to support all those with a responsible for or interest in this area of education. Their annual general meeting is an opportunity to listen to experts in the field and visit an exhibition of resources available. More details about this year's conference can be found on the NASEN webpage.

The LASGB executive has decided to sponsor a governor from a mainstream member school who has SEND responsibility, to attend this conference on 15th July 2022. Their commitment would be to report back to the membership on any useful findings in terms of contacts or resources.

If you would be like to be considered for this, please apply by 22nd April 2022 email to the Chair, John Davey, using the [contact@](mailto:contact@lasgb.org.uk) email address below. Please remember to state your school's name and your area of responsibility on your governing body! If we have a several "applications" we will draw names "out of the hat"!

Contacting the LASGB

If you need to contact the LASGB, there are lots of options for you to use. If you use social media you can message us via facebook, alternatively we have two email addresses you can use:

contact@lasgb.org.uk for all general enquiries

and

bookings@lasgb.org.uk for anything related to bookings for any of our events

Special Recognition Awards



If you have any Governor who you feel is deserving of an award, then all we need is supporting email with details of the Governor and why you think their service deserves to be recognized from the Headteacher or Chair of Governors send to contact@lasgb.org.uk



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