

GOVERNOR HEADLINES

Governor Headlines is a regular newsletter produced by Suffolk County Council's Governor Services team to support you in your role as governors and keep you informed of the latest updates.

Special End of Term Bulletin

Message from Adrian Orr

Assistant Director Education & Learning



As this school year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on the remarkable work of school staff in every type of education provision in Suffolk. All have faced the common challenges the pandemic created and many have faced individual challenges unique to their own context and in some cases personal circumstances. Few people have not been touched by the impact of this terrible virus. What strikes me though is how the staff across Suffolk schools have risen to the challenge of supporting children and their families through these unprecedented times. I know of so many personal testimonies of how school staff have made a real and positive difference to the communities their schools serve. I think staff all need a well-deserved break over the summer, knowing that the new school year will present new challenges. Governors have played a vital role throughout the pandemic and you too, need some rest over the summer. I have had the privilege of working with a number of governors in person and virtually over the period of the pandemic months and I want to offer you all my personal thanks and those of the council for the commitment, resilience and passion you have shown in these complex times. I hope you too get some rest, relaxation and time for family and friends through the summer break.

Resources

Further to Adrian's message, the Governor Services Team would also like to thank you for your resilience and commitment to governance over the past year and wish you a relaxing and happy Summer break.

We have covered several themes throughout this year's Governor Headlines, in both the newsletter and the live sessions, and appreciate that you may not have had the opportunity to explore all of these in depth. If you would like to gain further information we have included a list of topics and resources below.

- **Diversity on Governing Boards:** [The Governors' Podcast – UK Podcasts \(uk-podcasts.co.uk\)](http://uk-podcasts.co.uk), a new podcast hosted by Sharon Warmington and Olivia Hinds of the National Black Governors Network (NBGN)
- **Wellbeing:** [Wellbeing governors | Governors for Schools](http://governorsforschools.org.uk), the Wellbeing Governors campaign run by Governors for Schools
- **SEND:** <https://nasen.org.uk/>, a variety of SEND related resources can be found on the nasen website.

General Governance Resources

- **The National Governance Association (NGA):** <https://www.nga.org.uk/Home.aspx>
- **The Key for School Governors:** <https://schoolgovernors.thekeysupport.com/>
- **Governors for Schools:** <https://governorsforschools.org.uk/>

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