

## **BGA Newsletter May 2020**

We hope you are still all keeping well.

There have been significant publications by the DfE and the NGA recently.

You can access them all from our website or the links here:-

- [DfE Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020](#)
- [Latest guidance for governors in preparing for wider opening of schools from the NGA](#)
- [NGA – Frequently Asked Questions on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Overview of scientific advice and information on coronavirus](#)

Following the BGA Executive Committee's decision to cancel the Summer Forum on 19th May we are now going to hold a **Zoom Forum on Thursday 25th June at at 6pm**. Please save the date - further details will follow.

However, we are hoping to reconvene the Expert Panel at our **AGM** which will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. Further details about this event will be sent to you in due course.

Alan Richards (NLG and Chair of HCAT) continues to deliver Zoom governor training sessions every Tuesday evening from 6pm until 7pm. Please see **Zoom Governor Training** details below.

The Alliance Board continues to meet on a weekly basis. The main item on the agenda of last week's meeting was the possible return to primary school by more pupils on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Cluster leads in some areas reported that a number of parents are unhappy and unwilling to send their children to school at the moment. Risk assessments are being carried out seriously and conscientiously by school leaders; they are working on models that will help parents, staff and children feel confident and safe.

Collaboration between academies and trusts and the local authority and maintained schools has been positive and helpful. Different schools have different issues, for example number of staff and classrooms available, how lunch can be provided safely, how many pupils will struggle in a school that will not be the same as it was in March. The issue of delivering learning in school while continuing with the commitment to home learning without exhausting staff was also discussed. Secondary schools are also looking at how Y10 students can return to school, either in small groups or for individual tutorials by appointment.

The duties of school leaders have seldom been more onerous and governors have a great opportunity to stand together with them by offering support, scrutiny and a sounding board.

We're really interested in your views and experiences that we can share with other governors. Please email us at [admin@barnsleyga.org](mailto:admin@barnsleyga.org).

## **Zoom Governor Training**

**Join Alan Richards on Zoom on a Tuesday evening from 6pm until 7pm to explore and identify issues relevant to governors at this time.**

**You can see the full programme on our website here:- [Zoom training](#)**

**If you are not already on Alan's list and would like to join this training, please reply to this Newsletter and we forward your details to Alan who will then send you an invitation link to the meeting.**

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