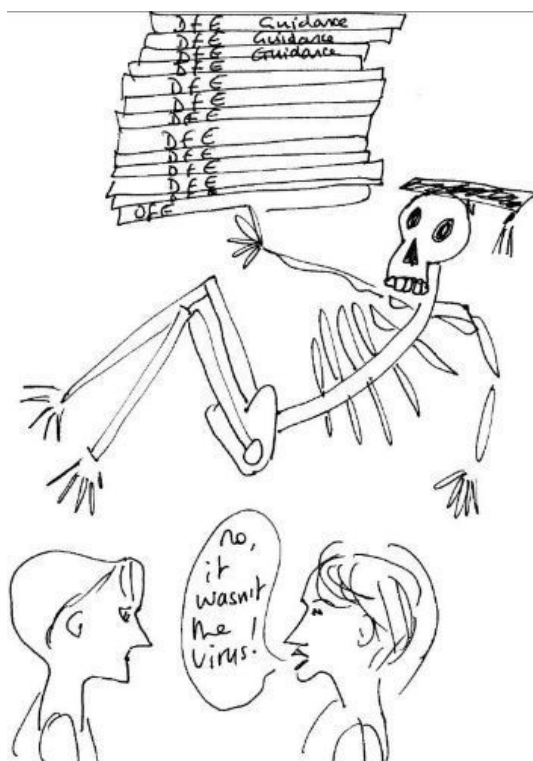


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Our Zoom Summer Forum on 25th June explored our experiences as governors and academy trustees over the last three months. We looked at some of the challenges, and the positives – including actions and new skills we can take forward into the future.



We have not had a lack of information from the government and DfE, but whether it has been helpful information at the right time is open to debate. This shows us, as governors, the importance of examining how we communicate with our school leaders, and of being clear about what information we need and how it should be delivered.

We totally acknowledge the importance of the support governors have given and should be giving to school leaders who have been making incredibly difficult decisions in a time of huge uncertainty and in the best interests of our Barnsley children. But we also acknowledge the role of governors in asking the right questions and ensuring accountability.

The next academic year will be equally, if not more, difficult, and so training, development, and networking opportunities for governors will be vital.

Following proposals made at our meeting, we have already agreed to hold meetings for chairs/vice chairs early next term. Governor Forums will continue on a range of subjects; we hope to include face to face sessions as well as

continuing on Zoom and posting webinars on our website.

Alan Richards' weekly 'Big Questions' have been really popular across the country and will be continuing over the next few weeks.

We will continue to represent governors at meetings of the Barnsley Alliance Board and Schools Forum, and undertake to offer more comprehensive feedback on our website and in newsletters.

Please contact us if you have any questions and let us know what else we can do to help you in your role as governor/trustee.

You can email us at admin@barnsleyga.org or phone 01226 790460.

Save the Date

Our **AGM** takes place on Tuesday 20th October at 6pm with our reconvened Expert Panel. Details of the venue will be sent nearer the time (either at the Holiday Inn, Dodworth or at your house via Zoom).

Please consider nominating yourself to the Executive Committee or sending in a resolution from your governing body. Please see our website for details:- [2020 AGM](#)



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