Important Invitation to all Norfolk Governors and Clerks

Diary Date for the NGN's Spring Meeting to be held on Saturday 10th May 2008 in the Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich Between 9.15 am and 12.30 pm



Representing governors in Norfolk

The Network's meetings provide a really excellent opportunity for Norfolk's governors and clerks to receive **important information** and **share** their **views and experiences**. Our Spring Meeting will include:

Going Green

Stan Terry, environmental consultant with HTI (Heads, Teachers and Industry), will speak about how governing bodies can make their schools environmentally sustainable. He has worked with the Department for Children, Schools and Families on the development of their Sustainable Schools programme and on design guides for sustainable schools.

Staying Out of the Red

Help there's a hole in my budget! There will be a talk from Paul Fisher of Children's Services Finance Department on understanding the importance of sound financial management and how to spot serious financial irregularities in school budgets before they have the chance to become headline-grabbing horror stories.

Learning from Each Other

Close working between governing bodies is seen by government and Norfolk Children's Services as crucial to delivering the Every Child Matters agenda and further raising standards. NGN County Committee members will lead interactive sessions exploring: good practice; improving communications with Children's Services; getting the best from Governor Services; improving how NGN supports governors

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There is no charge for this event, ample parking is available and the venue is fully accessible.

Clare Simmons, our clerk, and other members of the NGN County Committee will be in the foyer to meet and greet you. You can register on the day but we would appreciate it if you let Clare know, wherever possible:

- if you are able to attend (so we can order coffee and biscuits)
- whether you have any specific items for inclusion in the discussion
- if you need directions to the venue or any other information

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Please put this date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you!