

## GDS Bulletin 10 March 2020 Coronavirus Advice & Summer Forums

There are several posts about Corona Virus / COVID 19 in this week's bulletin and as you will be aware the situation is changing daily so please check the DfE websites shown below for the latest information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- phone: 0800 046 8687
- email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

The opening hours are 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

The [latest guidance for education settings](#) is available on GOV.UK

**Please ensure that you report to the Local Authority if any person confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 has been in school or other educational setting. If you take the decision to close your school for any reason please let us know on 0116 305 3365**

### **Forums – Summer Term 2020**

The range of meetings will keep you informed of current developments and issues in education affecting schools and academies. They are aimed at specific roles on the governing board.

#### **Chairs Forum**

These meetings help raise awareness of developments in education and governance. They are an essential source of support and provide a valuable networking opportunity.

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| Tue | 28 April 2020 | 10.00 am | 12.00 pm | Salvation Army, South Wigston              | KCM01 |
| Tue | 28 April 2020 | 6.00 pm  | 8.00 pm  | Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, Nr Loughborough | KCM02 |

#### **Clerks' Forum**

These sessions provide an opportunity for clerks to keep up to date with new developments, share concerns and good practice.

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| Tue | 12 May 2020 | 10.00 am | 11.30 am | Beaumanor hall, Woodhouse, Nr Loughborough | KCB01 |
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| Tue | 12 May 2020 | 6.00 pm | 7.30 pm | County Scout HQ, Forest East | KCB02 |
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### Training & Development Forum

Training and Development Governors are invited to attend a termly forum where we will share developments in training. These forums also provide a useful opportunity to share good practice with governors from other schools.

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| Wed | 20 May 2020 | 10.00 AM | 11.30 AM | Salvation Army, South Wigston          | KTD01 |
| Wed | 20 May 2020 | 6.00 PM  | 7.30 PM  | Heartwood Conference Centre, Coalville | KTD02 |

### SEN Forum

These forums will update SEN governors on current issues and also provide an opportunity for discussion.

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| Wed | 3 June 2020 | 10.00 AM | 12.00 noon | Salvation Army, South Wigston              | KSN01 |
| Wed | 3 June 2020 | 6.00 PM  | 8.00 pm    | Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, Nr Loughborough | KSN02 |

Bookings for the above events can be made through the website: <http://www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk> , by email [governors@leics.gov.uk](mailto:governors@leics.gov.uk) or telephone 0116 305 6503. **These events are free to schools and academies that subscribe to GDS**

**All chairs, clerks and training and development governors should now have received the training brochure for 2020/21. If you have not received a copy please contact GDS email [governors@leics.gov.uk](mailto:governors@leics.gov.uk)**