

INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

North Yorkshire Web Sites

North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service uses the internet to provide information for all those working and supporting the schools across the area.

The County Council web site is **www.northyorks.gov.uk** For the Children and Young People's Service main page, add **/education**. This has information on all parts of the Service.

The website for providing guidance to schools (including governors) and disseminating good practice is <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/>. Once accessed you will see the main news page. To gain access to the information on governance see the left hand column and click on "Governance". Here you will find an "Induction Pack", "Chair's Information", "Clerk's information" and "General" documents which have all been recently updated. There are also useful links to other services for governors and schools including legal, HR, and Q&I.

For governor training information and on-line booking of places ask you school administrator to access North Yorkshire County Council's Smart Solutions website: <http://smartsolutions.northyorks.gov.uk/Home> (under the sub-section 'Training & Events') on your behalf and book you onto suitable courses. Your Clerk to the Governing Body should be able to provide the latest information on training and the Governor School Improvement Network meetings.

Other Useful Web Sites

A number of organisations provide information and advice for governors. Below are details of just a few of them.

The Department of Education (DfE) now has a new website for Leadership & Governance at www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/governance As well as providing a wide range of information for governors, this site also gives a large list of links to other sites of interest to governors.

The National Governors Association (NGA) site can be found at www.nga.org.uk NGA produce many useful publications including "Welcome to Governance – A Handbook for New School Governors".

The OFSTED site gives information relating to the inspection of schools and the criteria used for this process. This can be found at www.ofsted.gov.uk

The Ofsted data dashboard is available via www.dashboard.ofsted.gov.uk (all governors need to know what this says about their school).

You can access the Safer Recruitment in Education training on <http://www.education.gov.uk>

From 1st January 2010 it has been a legal requirement that requirement panels appointing paid school staff and volunteers into the children and young people's workforce should include at least one person who has been trained in safer recruitment. It is recommended that all governors complete the short on-line training on safeguarding which can be accessed at <http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk>