



To: Chair of the Governing Board

cc: Headteacher, Clerk to the Governing Board

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Dear Governor,

At Solihull Governor Services we are always looking for ways in which we can improve the service we provide to you and, from 1st September 2018 we are going to be including GovernorHub as an option within our service package.

GovernorHub is an online service designed to help governing boards run efficiently and is already used by thousands of schools and tens of thousands of governors across the country. It helps trustees, governors and clerks to communicate and store documents, membership details, meeting schedules and other information in one secure and accessible place. This should help to reduce significantly the amount of paper that needs to be printed for meeting documents and save you and your clerk time.

GovernorHub brings together the key things you need online as a governing board in a single, GDPR-compliant system:

- Education news locally and from around the country.
- A private area for your board to exchange messages and emails.
- Confidential encrypted online storage of documents in one place, accessible by all the members of your board.
- A shared calendar of meetings which can be seen on the Web and synchronised to your smartphone, work or tablet calendar.
- Links to DfE and Ofsted data about the school.
- Tools for clerks to manage membership, roles, committees and organise meetings quickly and easily.
- Apps for iPad, iPhone and Android which can be used to download documents to use in meetings even if there's no Internet access.
- Downloadable reports for meeting attendance, declarations of interest and membership to help comply with statutory requirements.

GovernorHub will also provide you with a new and easier way to access news, training and guidance from us.

We think this is really significant step forward for our service and, even better, we have negotiated a significant discount for schools in Solihull in purchasing GovernorHub which normally costs £400+VAT per year per school if they do not go through a local authority or MAT. Instead it can be purchased as an option within our service package for a heavily subsidised cost of £50 for 2018-2019.

After the initial discounted period, the cost will increase to £120 per year. Given the advantages of the system we are hopeful that the vast majority of schools in Solihull will decide to purchase it.

The following link will take you to the GovernorHub website where you can sign up for a free trial (please mention Solihull in any subsequent correspondence).

<https://governorhub.com/#home> .

Free training seminars have been arranged for chairs and clerks and a flyer advertising these will be sent to clerks separately.

Yours sincerely,



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