



The ASGB is run by members for members to support the work of governance in Sandwell Schools

CHAIRS' FORUM 9TH OCTOBER 2019 6.15PM

Guardian House, Cronehills Linkway, West Bromwich, B70 8GS

Dear Chair/Vice Chair,

Some of you may remember the Chairs' Forums that used to be held on a regular basis, to update Chairs and network with their fellow chairs.

More recently however, Chair's Forum meetings have been amalgamated with an ASGB meeting once a term. We feel that this has left Sandwell Chairs, already under increasing pressure, more isolated and without an opportunity to meet their colleagues and share problems, experience and good practice.

We are therefore, pleased to invite every Chair or Vice-Chair of governors in Sandwell to join us at Guardian House for our first Chairs' Forum of the year.

The evening will include an update from Chris Ward, Director Education, Skills and Employment, time to discuss issues and importantly, a light-hearted opportunity for you to tell us what it is you want from the ASGB.

What can the ASGB do to support you and your school?

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Update from Chris Ward, Director Education, Skills and Employment
3. Time to consider/discuss issues raised by Chairs
4. Time for Chairs to tell ASGB what they want from us

School Finance

Notes from our recent meeting with Adrian Bailey have been forwarded with this invitation.

We are determined to continue to lobby our local MP's on behalf of schools. To this end, we have arranged to meet with James Morris, MP for Rowley Regis and Halesowen on Friday 11th October 2019 at 2.00pm. Full details to follow..

What we can do for you...

Your membership of ASGB entitles you to:

- **Free NGA membership with access to their newsletter, website and guidance and a free place at NGA conferences.**
- **Regular update from Chris Ward, Director of Education about current issues in education in Sandwell.**
- **Regular updates from Craig Felton, Director of Finance & Governance.**
- **Access to a wealth of experience from other governors across the midlands.**
- **Lobbying—ASGB will lobby MPs, local councillors and others.**

Please come along on the 9th, with your help we can ensure that ASGB provides the support that will help you in your demanding role as a Chair or Vice-Chair. Please let the Support Officer know if you will be attending so that we have an idea of numbers

ASGB Joint Chairs Elaine Benbow & Lynn Howard

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