



Event: SGOSS Business Governor Breakfast
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Hosted by: Lloyds Banking Group, 25 Gresham Street, London. EC2V 7HN.
Guest Speaker: **Linda Waghorn**, freelance governor consultant.

SGOSS Governor Breakfast Briefing Summary

a) Ofsted

Following a consultation earlier this year Ofsted is expected to make changes to short inspections (section 8), starting from October this year. It proposes to extend the timeline for conversion from a section 8 to a section 5 inspection, from one day to a maximum of 15 days. In addition, some 'good' schools will have a full section 5 instead of a section 8 inspection. A formal report together with the implementation date is expected later this month.

Ofsted is also conducting a curriculum research project. Governors should ensure that they know how their school designs and implements the curriculum, and the impact it is having on all pupils' knowledge and understanding.

b) School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document 2017

The annual update has been published, with the only changes being a 2% uplift to the minima and maxima of the main range, and 1% for other ranges. Updated supporting guidance has also been published and is a useful aid for governors, particularly those on the pay committee – see [here](#).

c) Removal of elected governors

New statutory guidance has been published for maintained schools and accords with changes to the [Academies Financial Handbook](#) requiring all schools to set out clear expectations for governors in their Code of Conduct. This should include the criteria for removing a governor whose level of contribution or behaviour would be deemed unacceptable. (See [The Constitution of Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools – August 2017](#))

d) Get Information about Schools (GIAS) replaces Edubase

From 18 September, [GIAS](#) will replace Edubase as the national database for governors. All schools are expected to keep entries for their governors accurate and up-to-date.

Boards should also ensure that they include on their school website details of the names of their governors (at all levels), their terms of office, any post held, and attendance at meetings for the past 12 months.

e) Pupil Exclusions

New statutory [guidance](#) was published with effect from 1 September 2017. There are no changes to legislation; however the guidance includes useful annexes documents, for parents, for the Headteacher, and for the governing body. Members of Independent Appeals Panels must receive appropriate training for the role.

f) Academies Financial Handbook

A revised [Academies Financial Handbook](#) was issued by the department on 27 July 2017. Main changes include guidance on the role of members and trustees, an emphasis on the [Nolan Principles \(Code of Conduct\)](#), and the requirement for trust boards to discuss the EFSA annual letter to the Accounting Officer of the Trust.