

DAG NEWS

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Stand Up and Be Counted

Data, threat or opportunity?

8th May 2010. - County Hall, Exeter

All Governors and Clerks are invited to attend DAG's annual conference. Places will be available to book on the website shortly.

Area Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the recent DAG Area Meetings. The background notes are on the DAG website: www.dag.gb.com - follow the link under the heading **Area Meetings**. Detailed feedback notes to follow.

DAG AGM

Notice is given that the DAG AGM will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 25th March 2010 at County Hall, Exeter. It is proposed to adopt an updated constitution, this appears on the website for consultation. If you have items for the meeting, or would like to attend please contact David Tall dtall@dag.gb.com

Free School Meals

One in five children may be entitled to FSM and nearly 20% of those children entitled do not take them. FSM help family's budgets and they also help schools budgets. Parents and carers can apply online:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/free_school_meals-register.htm

Devon Maintenance Partnership Agreement

Your Principal / Headteacher will receive a letter dated 28th January 2010 from CYPS' Strategic Planning Group concerning the above. The Agreement provides for the servicing, inspection and testing of fixed plant and equipment commonly installed in schools in Devon. This letter requires a response by 26 February 2010

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DEF Future Funding Paper

'How to Continue to Deliver Excellent and Sustainable 21st Century Education in a Period of Restraint' This document makes recommendations on the future funding & organisation of Devon schools from 2011.

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/Schoolsforum.htm>

It is vital that your Governing Body reads the document and is involved in the process. Closing date 22nd April. Local Consultation Events will be running in Tiverton, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Honiton, Barnstaple, Ivybridge & Okehampton.

Other Consultations...

Snow closures – visit our website:

www.dag.gb.com to have your say on how your school was effected Closing date 9th March.

Lampard Community Special School may increase the number of places and change its' designation from admitting pupils with moderate and complex needs to take pupils with complex needs and autistic spectrum disorder with effect from 19 April 2010. Closing date: 8th March 10.

Admission Arrangements proposed for Devon County Council maintained schools for the 2011-12 academic year. Additionally included are the proposed in-year admission arrangements for 2010-11. Closing date 1st March 2010.

Consultation on transforming educational provision in Dartmouth Following on from the successful federation of the two schools, we are currently considering the possibility of closing Dartmouth Community College (11-16) and, Dartmouth Primary School & Nursery (3-11) with a view to re-opening as an All Through Academy with effect from 1 September 2010. It is also envisaged that up to 100 post-16 places for pupils aged 16-18 will be available on the site delivered through franchised post 16 courses in partnership with South Devon College. Closing date 6th April 2010.

Find these consultations at:

www.consultationfinder.com/devon