

6th December 2005



Dear Chair of Governors,

The Devon Association of Governors (DAG) is undertaking an evaluation of all the services it currently offers. These were outlined in the leaflet circulated to all governors with this term's Devon Governor. We are doing this at the present moment for a number of reasons:

- The structure of the Local Education Authority and its operation within Devon County Council is being radically changed from next April
- There are possible changes to school organisation if the current White Paper becomes law
- The two national organisations for Governors, namely the National Governors Council and the National Association of School Governors are to combine into one new organisation in 2006. This is bound to change the services they offer
- DAG's County Secretary for the last six years, Ivan Godfrey, wishes to relinquish this office in April 2006. He does an enormous amount of work on the deliverables and services that you receive from DAG, as well as individual assistance to Governors and working with County and National organisations

The DAG Executive is holding a planning day in late January to decide on the future portfolio of services it offers to Governors and the most effective way of delivering them. In order to do this as well as possible, we have devised the attached Survey to find out what you use and value most about DAG's services. **It should only take a matter of minutes to complete and return!** We will welcome your returns even if you do not use DAG's services as this also provides us with important information.

Please can you and/or as many of the Governors on your Board as possible complete and return the survey either as individuals or on behalf of your Board as a whole. Bearing in mind the Christmas break, it would be wonderful to have the survey returned this term. However, since that is very short notice, we have put the final return date as Monday January 16th 2006. You can return it by email to DAG@fortfield.eclipse.co.uk or by post to:

Jo Frith, Flat 4, No 6 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8NT

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Leon Winston
Chair of Devon Association of Governors

SURVEY OF DAG DELIVERABLES AND SERVICES



Please circle your responses:

Deliverable / Service	Are you aware of this? Y - Yes N - No		If Yes, how much do you use it? D - Daily W - Weekly T - Termly L - Less frequently				If Yes, please indicate how useful you find this. 1 Essential 2 Very useful 3 Useful 4 Not useful			
<i>Annual Assembly</i>	Y	N					1	2	3	4
<i>Area Meetings</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4
<i>E-mail monthly updates</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4
<i>DAG Website</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4
<i>DGS / DAG Checklist</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4
<i>Advice from DAG</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4
<i>DAG representation on Committees and feedback to Governors</i>	Y	N	D	W	T	L	1	2	3	4

Are there any other services you would wish to receive from DAG?

Any other comments? (Please add any extra comments on supplementary sheet)

Are you replying as an individual Governor?
(please tick) on behalf of your Board of Governors?

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Closing date: Monday 16th January 2006