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Dear Governor

Please find attached list of Governor Training courses currently being offered for 2012 to help you see at a glance what courses are available. For those of you with email, we also send interim updates via our electronic newsletter for Hounslow governors. Full details of all governor training courses are on the 'CPD Online' website www.cpdinhounslow.org.uk and can be viewed by all governors, even those who do not yet have a username and password to login and book courses electronically. If you have not yet received your username and password, or need a reminder, please contact us. We also encourage you to ask us for support if you need help logging on for the first time or experience any problems at all accessing or using the website.

This Spring Term there is a range of training sessions available. Governors who want to learn about the "**New Ofsted Framework**", which is now in use, can book to attend our briefing session scheduled for the evening of 28th February; and there will be a presentation on the new framework for **Link Governors** at the meeting on 24th January. "**SEN – Implications of the Green Paper**" (21st Feb) will be of particular interest to SEN Governors, but the session is relevant to all governors. "**The Governors Strategic Role**" (6th March), offered annually, aims to develop understanding of the Governing Body's strategic role, exploring key aspects, and considers how governors can maximise their strategic effectiveness. Ofsted has identified this as a role which many governing bodies need to develop. "**School Self-Evaluation**" (15th March) is a new central course which aims to support governors in obtaining a clear overview of their school, based on an accurate understanding of strengths and weaknesses, and enable governors to assess how well they are adding value to their school.

Other new courses running in Spring and Summer terms include "**The Equality Act 2010: What does it mean for our school?**" (22nd March) helping governors gain more understanding of their responsibilities to ensure schools meet the requirements of the new equality legislation and look at what schools need to do before April 2012; and there are several sessions running on Human Resource topics: "**Employment Law Update**" (16th March), "**Headteacher Pay & Conditions**" (26th April) and a newly revised half-day "**Recruitment and Selection**" (28th June).

New Governors of schools that buy in to Governing Bodies Support – Training & Development should receive a welcome pack with details of **Induction courses**; please don't hesitate to email or phone the team if you have any questions relating to this or any of the above information.

Yours faithfully

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