

School governance update

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1. 1 July 2022

Added an article on the recruitment of National Leaders of Governance to 'School governance update: July 2022'.

2. 30 June 2022

Added 'School governance update: July 2022' and removed updates for March 2021 and April 2021.

3. 4 November 2021

Added 'School governance update: November 2021'.

4. 15 July 2021

Added July 2021 updates for maintained schools and academy trusts. Some previous editions have been removed and placed in the National Archives.

5. 20 April 2021

Added 'School governance update: April 2021'.

6. 1 March 2021

Added 'School governance update: March 2021'.

7. 2 December 2020

Added 'School governance update: December 2020'.

8. 8 October 2020

Added 'School governance update: October 2020'.

9. 17 July 2020

Added 'Local authority maintained schools: school governance update July 2020' and 'Academy trusts: school governance update July 2020'.

10. 4 June 2020

Added 'School governance: coronavirus (COVID-19) update'.

11. 15 April 2020

Updated information about video or teleconferencing applications in

'School governance update March 2020: advice for governing bodies'.

12. 25 March 2020

Added 'School governance update March 2020' which includes guidance in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19).

13. 16 January 2020

Added updates for January 2020.

14. 5 November 2019

Added school governance update for November 2019.

15. 19 September 2019

Added sentence to specify that all changes made to the statutory policies list for schools and academies reflect previously announced requirements on schools, there are no new requirements or policies announced in this update.

16. 18 September 2019

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[Community Connect – #BritsInPoland](#)



British Embassy Warsaw in conjunction with the Polish Office for Foreigners invites you to Community Connect – #BritsInPoland.

Community Connect is a series of meetings to inform UK nationals living in Poland about their rights as the UK leaves the EU.

The meetings will provide information about Brexit: a representative of the Polish Office for Foreigners will update participants on the rights of UK nationals living and working in Poland, and there will be an opportunity to

ask questions at the end.

The meetings are free and open to all interested UK nationals, but registration is obligatory – ID will be requested on the door.

Photographs will be taken during the events. If you do not wish to be photographed, please approach our photographer.

Upcoming events

Krakow, 30 September 2019 – [Register here](#)

Katowice, 1 October 2019 – [Register here](#)

Wroclaw, 7 October 2019 – [Register here](#)

Poznan, 8 October 2019 – [Register here](#)

Lodz, 18 October 2019 – [Register here](#)

Previous events

Krakow, 21 March 2019

Gdansk, 14 March 2019

Warsaw, 13 March 2019

Useful links

[Get ready for Brexit](#)

[Living in Poland Guide](#)

[Brits in Poland – email updates from the embassy](#)

[British Embassy Warsaw on Facebook](#)

[British Embassy Warsaw on Twitter](#)

[British Embassy Warsaw on LinkedIn](#)

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Last updated 24 September 2019 [+ show all updates](#)

1. 24 September 2019 We added information about upcoming event in Lodz
2. 19 September 2019 We have added information about an event in Poznan
3. 18 September 2019 We have added new events coming up in Krakow, Katowice and Wroclaw.
4. 4 March 2019 First published.

[Information and events for UK nationals living in Greece](#)



The British Embassy Athens and the British Consular Network Greece have been holding meetings across Greece to update UK nationals working and living in the country and answering questions regarding your rights as residents in Greece.

Upcoming events across Greece

These events are part of an ongoing outreach programme. Details of future events will be posted on this page and on the [Brits in Greece Facebook page](#).

These events are free and open to all UK nationals.

Note for the media

Though these outreach events are public, we ask any journalists who may attend to refrain from filming or recording the sessions in order to protect the privacy of those UK nationals present. For media enquiries, please contact our Press Office: information.athens@fcdo.gov.uk

Previous events across Greece

To receive updates on outreach events in your area, follow UK in Greece accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), the Brits in Greece account on [Facebook](#) and the British Ambassador Kate Smith CMG on [Twitter](#). Also keep an eye on this website for more news.

For questions concerning your rights as a UK national in Greece please [contact us](#).

Useful links

Previous events across Greece

2020

2019

- Corfu
- Crete (Perama – Rethymno, Heraklion – Heraklion, Agios Nikolaos & Sitia – Lasithi, Apokoronas & Chania – Chania)
- Kalamata
- Kardamili, Messenia region
- Kefalonia
- Lefkada
- Lesvos
- Nafplion
- Patras
- Rhodes
- Skiathos
- Thassos
- Thessaloniki
- Volos
- Zakynthos

2018

- Aegina
- Athens
- Corfu
- Crete (Apokoronas – Chania, Rethymno, Agios Nikolaos – Lasithi, Malia – Heraklion)
- Evia
- Kalymnos
- Kos
- Paxos
- Poros
- Rhodes
- Skiathos
- Thessaloniki

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1. 3 June 2021

FB Live Q&A session on the @BritsinGreece Facebook page: Friday 4 June, 4:30pm

2. 22 January 2020

Announcement: UK nationals outreach event in Athens

3. 8 November 2019

Addition of outreach event in Thessaloniki

4. 15 October 2019

We have added an outreach event which will take place in Patras on 21 October 2019.

5. 14 October 2019

UK nationals outreach events update: new events in Nafplion and Kalamata

6. 24 September 2019

We have added the venues for two outreach events taking place this week.

7. 18 September 2019

Brexit update – UK nationals outreach events in Skiathos and Volos announced

8. 4 April 2019

EU Exit update: confirmed time/venue for UK nationals outreach event in Kardamili

9. 1 April 2019

EU Exit update: new scheduled outreach event in Kardamili

10. 14 March 2019

EU Exit update: time and location details added to Lesvos outreach event on 19 March 2019

11. 13 March 2019

EU Exit update – UK nationals outreach event in Lesvos

12. 6 March 2019

EU Exit update: details published for UK nationals outreach event in Heraklion, Crete

13. 6 March 2019

EU Exit update: UK nationals outreach event scheduled for Kefalonia

14. 4 March 2019

EU Exit update: details on scheduled UK nationals outreach events in Crete

15. 1 March 2019

EU Exit update: scheduled UK nationals outreach events in Crete

16. 25 February 2019

EU Exit update: scheduled UK nationals outreach events in Corfu and Lefkada

17. 18 February 2019

EU Exit update: Scheduled UK nationals outreach event in Thassos

18. 13 February 2019

EU Exit update: UK nationals outreach event scheduled in Zakynthos

19. 4 February 2019

EU Exit update: Thessaloniki UK nationals outreach meeting (registration required)

20. 4 February 2019

EU Exit update: Rhodes UK nationals outreach meeting change of date

21. 1 February 2019

EU Exit update: Scheduled UK nationals outreach event in Thessaloniki

22. 25 January 2019

EU Exit update – outreach event in Rhodes added

23. 16 November 2018

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The VMD will launch an updated online special import application form on 7 October 2019

From 7 October there will be only one type of certificate, the new Special Import Certificate (SIC), issued to veterinary surgeons wishing to import a medicine for veterinary use. The VMD will no longer issue Special Treatment Certificates (STC).

Applying for a certificate will continue to be a simple, online application process. The application form will give one option; 'I am a Veterinary Surgeon and wish to import a product from outside the UK'.

An SIC will be issued for:

- a veterinary medicine authorised outside the UK
- a human medicine authorised outside the UK
- in very exceptional cases, an unauthorised medicine

An SIC will be issued for either a specified number of animals or for a named animal or herd for products considered by the VMD to have a higher risk profile. The VMD will define products with a higher risk profile based on an initial assessment of the product and available literature.

Assessment

For a product that the VMD has not assessed before, and therefore is not visible in the dropdown menu of products, you must continue to submit a minimum data package with your application, consisting of:

- a copy of the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) or equivalent product information in English
- a copy of the product labels in the native language

You must also provide sound justification indicating why there is no suitable UK authorised veterinary product you can use. Factors such as the cheaper cost of the products and preferred withdrawal periods are not acceptable reasons to import medicines.

During assessment, you may be contacted by a VMD scientific assessor to seek further data about the product you wish to import or clarification on how it will be used and why. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Animal safety data
- Full details of the product ingredients
- Manufacturing/production information, such as Batch release protocol
- Quality assurance information, such as tests of live vaccines for viral contamination (extraneous agents)

If during assessment, we consider the product to be a higher risk import you will be required to provide the following details:

- Name of individual animal or herd CPH number
- Number of animals, if it is a herd/flock of animals (a group of horses is not accepted as a herd)
- Animal/herd owner's surname
- Animal/herd owner's address, including post code

Registration

You must register to use the online application system on GOV.UK if you have not used it before. A Video tutorial on how to register and apply for an SIC will be available soon on YouTube.

Existing import certificates

All existing import certificates, including STCs, will continue to remain valid for up to one year from the date of issue. If your application for an STC is undergoing assessment on the 7 October 2019 the VMD will continue to assess your application to our published timescales. If your application is approved you will receive an SIC, if not, a refusal letter.

If you have any questions, please email: importcert@vmd.gov.uk

Futher information

[Have your say about how flooding impacts the local Weardale community](#)

September is a great month to catch up with how things are going with one of the country's leading landmark flood alleviation projects that is being delivered in the North East of England on our very doorstep.

The £2.1million Weardale Natural Flood Management (NFM) Demonstrator project has long term ambitions to deliver natural features across an 100km² area of landscape that will hopefully reduce the risk of flooding for around 140 properties, encourage carbon capture, improve water quality, and create a haven for wildlife to thrive.

This month the Environment Agency will be hosting three information events across successive days at Cowshill & Lanehead Village Hall, Stanhope Community Centre and Westgate Village Hall in County Durham (the full event details are listed below).

The idea of the informal events is to capture local knowledge of how flooding affects the residents and business owners of Weardale. It will also give the team a chance to chat with residents about the Natural Flood Management project and find out how it is progressing.

The project covers Stanhope Burn, Rookhope Burn, Killhope Burn, Ireshopeburn and Middlehope Burn in rural County Durham.

The Weardale Natural Flood Management Demonstrator is part of a national Defra funded natural flood management project.

Mr John Carrick, a local landowner and agricultural contractor talks about the importance of the flood alleviation project and why the community should be getting involved in the programme. He said:

An issue like flooding is in the public interest and can affect anybody. The events are a good way for residents to find out the intentions of the Environment Agency and what this scheme will mean for the local community.

I think where Government money is being spent residents should know what's going on in their region and learn about what the project is all about.

As a landowner Mr Carrick explains why he feels it's important to play a role in the NFM Demonstrator project. He said:

The project gives the landowner a chance to do some good in the water catchment by retaining water to prevent flooding downstream in periods of heavy rain, as we live in a very high risk rainfall area.

Kirsty Hardy, Flood and Coastal Risk Management Advisor at the Environment Agency, said:

Our project is looking at how NFM could reduce flood risk in several locations across Weardale and to assess what this could mean to the local communities.

We are working with landowners within the area to install features that will retain and temporarily hold back water.

Just to put things into context, the water we are looking to hold back is the equivalent of one-hundred Olympic sized swimming pools, which is a great deal of potential flood water that could impact upon residents and businesses.

The reason for installing NFM features and introducing the scheme is to hopefully prevent the water entering the water course, which could in turn decrease flood risk downstream. If successful the project could show that natural flood management has the ability to reduce flood risk for local towns and villages.

The project is supported by Forestry Commission England, Natural England and North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership.

The community information drop-in events are as follows:

Tuesday 24 Sept / Cowhill & Lanehead Village Hall / County Durham, DL13 1DA
2.30pm–7pm

Wednesday 25 Sept / Stanhope Community Centre / 11 Front Street, Stanhope,
County Durham, DL13 2NQ 2.30pm–7pm

Thursday 26 Sept / Westgate Village Hall / Front Street, Westgate, County Durham, DL13 1RX 2.30pm–7pm

For further details about the community information events or the Weardale NFM Demonstrator project, please contact Kirsty Hardy at the Environment Agency, by emailing: Kirsty.Hardy@environment-agency.gov.uk

People can also learn more about the regional and national work of the Environment Agency by visiting www.gov.uk/environment-agency