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A Happy Christmas and a productive New Year to all our readers

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1. The 8th LBMW Annual Schools Conference: Report

A very interesting and well-received event, with good numbers and now enjoying overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Join the LBMW network and keep in touch with thinking and events [here](#).

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2. New Events Programme Launched

An impressive series of seminars, conferences and events is now available online, with more due to follow soon. www.educationanswers.co.uk/events. All at LBMW's offices unless otherwise stated.

28 January 2020 - Introduction to being a Trustee – the essentials
This is an ideal seminar for new or prospective trustees to learn what will be expected of them, and for current trustees who want to have a quick refresher. The seminar will cover all the basic aspects of trusteeship with a focus on how to comply with Regulatory expectations. With Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team
17 March 2020 - Decision making and delegation for charity trustees – the basics
Proper decision making and delegation by trustees is essential for the effective operation of every charity. The Charity Commission expects a high level of competence in these two areas. This seminar is designed to equip trustees with the knowledge and skills they need to make effective robust decisions and manage the risks associated with delegation. With Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team.

27 May 2020 - Charity Masterclass - The six essential duties of a Trustee
This whole day course will enable trustees to look in detail at each of the key duties identified by the Charity Commission. Featuring interactive sessions to test how to apply the principles of each duty, it is an enjoyable way to brush up your skill-set and to re-assure yourselves that you are complying with your Regulator's expectations. Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team.
02 June 2020 Charities Conference (London) -
details to be announced - expert speakers on all aspects of charity operation and regulation, guest speakers, and prestigious venues in London (2nd June) and the North (4th June). Special input for Islamic charities alongside general charity practice.
04 June 2020 Charities Conference (Leeds) -
details to be announced - expert speakers on all aspects of charity operation and regulation, guest speakers, and prestigious venues in London (2nd June) and the North (4th June). Special input for Islamic charities alongside general charity practice.
01 July 2020 - Charity Trustees' duties – Managing charity assets
An opportunity for trustees to find out how they should be managing the land and other property of their charity, including managing and protecting its reputation. This seminar allows for a more in-depth look at two of the essential duties of a trustee - Managing your charity's resources responsibly and acting with reasonable care and skill. With Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team
22 September 2020 - Charities' Safeguarding and Serious Incident Reporting Masterclass
This whole day course will enable trustees to look in detail at safeguarding risks in charities and at how and when to make a Serious Incident report. Featuring interactive sessions to test how to apply the principles, it is an excellent opportunity to brush up your skill-set and to re-assure yourselves that you are complying with your Regulator's expectations. with Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team.
13 October 2020 - Westminster Central Hall -9th LBMW SCHOOLS CONFERENCE
The annual prestige Conference for all education sectors. Save the date now.
09 December 2020 - Financial Controls for Charities
You don't have to be an accountant to be a trustee but you do need to ensure that the controls over your charity's money are effective and robust. This seminar is designed to enable trustees to have confidence that they have the correct procedures in place to protect themselves and their charity from fraud or the misapplication of funds. With Jane Grenfell and the LBMW team.
Pre-register/save the dates from this link

3. Illegal Schools

one of our new trainees, [Elizabeth Nicholls](#), reflects on recent activity



Local authorities have been warned to make necessary checks to ensure that schools are registered with the Department for Education following a third prosecution of an unregistered school. Six councils were misled into paying hundreds of thousands of pounds of public money to Freiston Hall, Lincolnshire, an illegal school that looked after children with complex physical and mental health needs. On inspection, Ofsted's unregistered schools taskforce found that the school had failed to carry out sufficient staff checks and adequately supervise pupils.

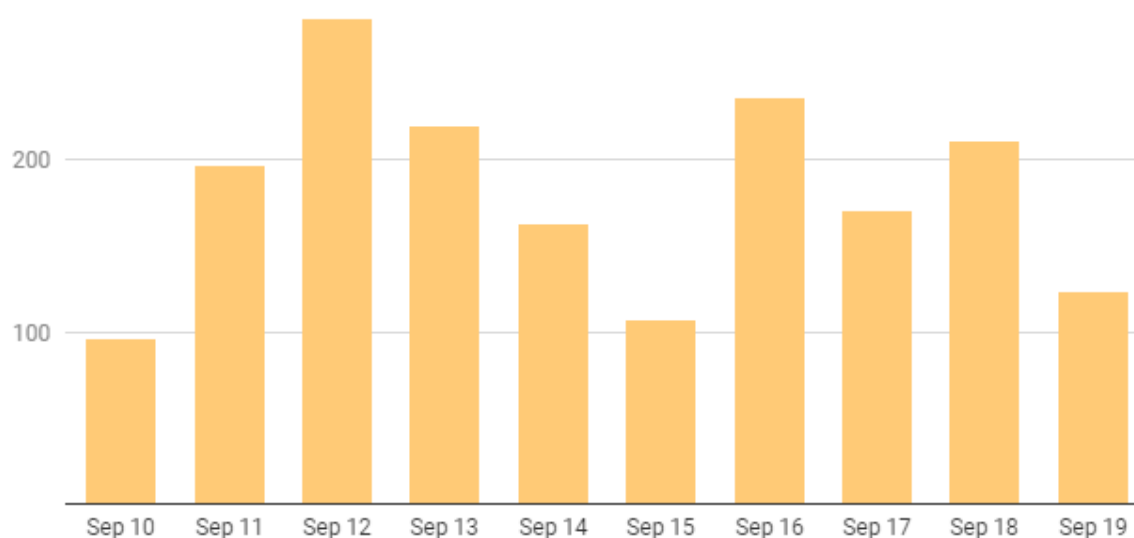
An independent school must be registered by law if full time education is provided for five or more pupils of compulsory school age, or if one or more pupils have an education, health and care (EHC) plan or is looked after by the local authority. However, it is estimated by Ofsted that up to 6,000 children are taught in suspected illegal schools. A school that is unregistered is not subject to regular inspection, allowing for health, safety and education standards to be compromised. Since 2016, Ofsted has investigated 521 settings and inspected 259 in England. However, it is suspected that there are many more illegal settings, prompting Ofsted to call on the government to provide further powers to question witnesses and seize evidence. The recent prosecutions highlight that ensuring a school is registered with the Department for Education is crucial to children's safety and providing a good quality education.

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4. Education Answers News

Has the number of new academies hit a new low?

Number of new academies each September, 2010-19



Numbers do not include free schools

Chart: Warwick Mansell for Education Uncovered • Source: [Department for Education](#) • [Get the data](#)

New papers:

Governance – getting the simple things right:

<http://www.lbmwanswers.co.uk/documents/governance-getting-the-simple-things-right>

Disposing of Charity land in England and Wales:

<http://www.lbmwanswers.co.uk/documents/disposing-of-charity-land-in-england-and-wales>

Updated papers:

Good Governance for charities: <http://www.lbmwanswers.co.uk/documents/good-governance-for-charities>.

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5. Has everyone in your team who needs it got an education answers account?

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6. LBMW Masterclass: The Six Essential Duties of a Charity Trustee – **NEW** 27th May

The six essential duties of a Charity Trustee – an LBMW masterclass

with Jane Grenfell,
Charities Manager



Governing bodies and Boards of Directors of MATs, VC and VA schools, Site Trusts, and many Diocesan Boards and independent schools are made up of CHARITY TRUSTEES.

You CAN do more by increasing the effectiveness of trustees. Find out how.

Our previous Masterclass was sold out and hugely appreciated by participants. Now Jane Grenfell, Charities Manager at LBMW and former Head of Policy and Guidance, Head of Registration, Head of Outreach and Visits, Head of Schools and Education and deputy head of Armed Forces Charities at the Charity Commission goes deep into her knowledge and experience to offer this

MASTERCLASS ON THE SIX ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF A CHARITY TRUSTEE

We guarantee top-level insights and unique access to information and guidance, offered in an interactive day for trustees, and those who would like to be trustees, providing them with the knowledge to be effective and meet regulatory expectations.

10.30 onwards - registration and refreshments

11.00 Jane Grenfell - Session 1 with welcome, input, collaborative work, and plenary
1pm Lunch

1.45 - Jane Grenfell - session 2 with input, collaborative work, and plenary

4 pm - close (refreshments and networking available)

EXPERT SPEAKERS | BUFFET LUNCH | DISCOVER THE NETWORK

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7. Historic School Land cases in Dioceses

This service was mentioned in our last Circular. Click [here](#) for details. Our Review service is comprehensive and free. Contact simon.foulkes@lbmw.com to discuss.

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8. Cost-effective Legal Services Support – a Retainer scheme

Did you know that LBMW can offer MATs, Dioceses, and schools a cost-controlled call-off service for legal advice? With hugely discounted hourly rates (as low as £160 per hour)? Find out more [here](#) or contact simon.foulkes@lbmw.com to chat through the options.

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9. Safeguarding in Educational (and other) Charities

The Charity Commission recently reported on an inquiry into the Birmingham Diocesan Trust on safeguarding grounds. The Report is available [here](#). **Save the date** for our Charity Masterclass on September 22nd with a focus on Serious Incident Reporting and Safeguarding. Details [here](#).

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