

## **NGA News Briefing 180610**

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### **Academies**

The parliamentary passage of the Academies Bill continues with significant numbers of amendments being laid.

### **Free Schools**

Education Secretary Michael Gove has today (18 June) outlined the process for allowing teachers, charities and parents to set up new free schools.

### **Vetting and Barring Scheme**

On Tuesday 15 June, the Government announced a halt to the implementation of the Vetting and Barring Scheme in order to 'scale it back to common sense levels'.

### **Michael Gove writes to Ed Balls**

The Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove wrote to Ed Balls on 7 June, outlining his Department's decisions on budget-saving for 2010/11.

### **Home Access programme**

Despite the recent Government announcement to abolish Becta, their Home Access programme will continue.

### **Sustainable schools and parental engagement**

We haven't yet heard from any governors who may be interested in being featured in the September edition of Matters Arising.

### **Chair's Blog**

This week our Chair, Clare Collins talks about her phrase of the week; 'moral purpose'.

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