



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

*“Supporting Catholic schools to provide excellent education where pupils flourish,
and Christ is made known to all.”*

Governor News – July 2020

This is a monthly summary to help governors keep up to date with key themes of national education policy, the local Diocesan context, research and good practice.

From 1 September 2020 the revised Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2020 guidance will be in place. Until that date, schools must continue to have regard to KCSIE 2019. Please ensure that your safeguarding and child protection policy, and other related policies, are updated. In some cases, you will need to create new procedures, for example, what to do if there are allegations about supply teachers

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) will be statutory from 1 September 2020. However, because of the impact of COVID-19 on planning and preparation, DfE have written to schools to give more flexibility to discharging this duty effectively

I am delighted to confirm that we have rescheduled the Governors' Conference and it is now available for booking. (**Friday 2 July 2021 9:30-16:00** at de Rougemont Manor, Warley)

The Brentwood Diocesan Education Service has produced draft guidance on bereavement

DfE has announced that all pupils in all year groups in England will go back to school full-time in September and has released its guidance for full opening

Ofsted plan a phased return to inspection, starting with an interim period of visits during the autumn term, with resumption of full inspections in January 2021

Ofqual have announced that students who are not happy with their calculated GCSE and A-level grades based on teacher assessment will be able to sit exams in all subjects in the autumn

A report by the Childhood Trust warns that some children are developing serious mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress, because of the coronavirus pandemic

A report by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) Pupil Engagement in Remote Learning has found that most teachers believe their pupils are doing much less work than they would expect at this time of year, with pupil engagement lowest in schools with the highest levels of deprivation. Limited access to technology is a significant challenge

DfE have confirmed that for maintained schools, the legislation does not allow for an extension to the terms of office for parent and staff governors during the COVID-19 outbreak (see question 8). Governors due for election should either be appointed as an Associate Member until an election takes place, or an inclusive election process is run

The updated capability policies are now available to download from the CES website in fully amendable word format – please note that CES do not expect schools to make substantial changes to the policies without discussing with the Diocese first

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