



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Governor News – August 2020

As we look forward to the end of term, may I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break. These have been extraordinary times for schools and governors - a big thank you to all of you for the incredible way in which you have responded and adapted to the challenge

With so much still uncertain and the situation constantly changing we are sending this additional monthly summary to help you keep up to date, especially with regard to preparing for all children to return to school in September.

DfE has published [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak](#) outlining their plans for the autumn term. The guidance includes details to help schools prepare for all children and young people to return to full-time education in the new academic year. They plan to publish more detail in the coming weeks so please check [Guidance for schools: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) regularly for updates

How well prepared are you for the full return of pupils in September? [This checklist and questions to consider looks at some of the things to be thinking about over the summer break and items to focus on as the new term unfolds](#)

From 1 September 2020 the revised Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2020 guidance will be in place. 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

The 2020 edition of the Academies Financial Handbook comes into effect on 1 September 2020. Changes to the 2020 edition are summarised at the beginning of the handbook

When considering a school's security policies and plans, schools should also include an assessment of cyber security risk. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has published [Cyber security in schools: questions for governors and trustees](#) to help inform conversations with school leaders about managing cyber security risks

DfE have published [important guidance to help plan teaching the statutory mathematics curriculum in primary schools](#) and ensure critical learning gaps are addressed

We have been busy rescheduling some of our face-to-face training for the spring and summer terms 2021 and will publish an updated list at the beginning of September. However, since there could still be significant restrictions or local lockdowns in specific areas we have also been working on a range of online training and resources, some of which will be available through the Gift-Ed App launched earlier this year – details to follow next term

The next Chairs' Network meeting will focus on Admissions and be led by our Diocesan solicitors as a **webinar** on Tuesday 29 September 2020 18:00-19:30. You can [book your place here](#)

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