



## Governor News – February 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.**

A final commissioning event on **Thursday 7 May 2020** (18:45-20:00) is being organised for those Foundation Governors who have been unable to attend a January event, as well as MAT Trustees and other governors who serve in our Catholic schools. Booking will be available soon

Is staff wellbeing a regular agenda item at your full governing body meeting? The Diocese of Brentwood has a [model policy on staff wellbeing](#) you can use or adapt.

[Education Support Partnership has a free helpline for staff](#) which includes 24/7 telephone support

DfE have introduced a period product scheme to provide free period products for learners under the age of 19 who need them. [This guidance contains information on choosing and ordering period products, distributing products within school and tackling stigma](#)

Did you know that the Diocese has a service level agreement with [Teaching Personnel entitling Diocesan schools to access a preferential rate on recruitment and supply staff?](#)

The new Ofsted framework has a strong focus on the curriculum. How well can you explain the [intent, implementation and impact of your school's curriculum](#) and how it is sequenced? Our **Introduction to the Curriculum workshop** for governors is taking place on Saturday 29 February (10:00-12:30, Brentwood) [To book your place use this link](#)

[Secondary school tables](#) have been published – how well did pupils at your school perform at the end of key stage 4?

[Research by the charity Education and Employers](#) suggests that the career hopes of young people in the UK are at odds with the types of jobs available and says primary schools should do more to broaden the career aspirations of children. The National Careers Service has produced a [useful careers guidance e-pack for schools](#)

A [new survey reveals outdated views on apprenticeships](#) could be holding young people back from pursuing their dream career

We are ready to launch our new online learning APP called Gift-ED with the first 5 licences for each school being offered to foundation governors. We will be asking chairs to advise us of nominations so please speak to your chair if you would like to be part of the first wave

[DfE is consulting on a refreshed National Plan for Music Education](#) to reflect advances in technology and level up opportunities for children from all backgrounds

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