



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – January 2021

**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.**

I am pleased to confirm that we have increased the number of Gift-ED licences to 10 per school, so if you would like to nominate further governors to access the library of Diocesan courses [please let us know by using this link](#)

[Teachers' estimated grades will replace cancelled A-levels and GCSEs this summer.](#) For primaries, there will be no Year 6 Sats tests this year. [DfE have also confirmed legally binding requirements for schools to provide high-quality remote education for three to five hours a day](#), depending on a child's age, saying 'this is mandatory for all state-funded schools and will be enforced by Ofsted'

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.

The government have issued [guidance on how schools should carry out pre-employment checks on teachers coming from the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway \(EEA\) from 1 January 2021](#)

Are you confused by ever changing education jargon? You can [access our updated jargon buster here](#)

We have launched a new webinar *Role of Trustees in a Catholic MAT* for those who are new to the trustee role within a Catholic MAT (CMAT) or would like a refresher. The training on 27 April 2021 (15:00-16:30) will cover structure of MATs, role of Members and roles and responsibilities of trustees. [Book your place here](#)

Admission authorities must have determined their admission arrangements for entry in September 2022 by **28 February 2021**. Please make sure you follow the [CES model admissions arrangements](#) and the [CES model supplementary information form](#) when revising your School Admissions Policy. When consulting please send a copy to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Ofsted have [published guidance and details of plans from January 2021 as part of a phased return to full inspection](#) From January 2021, they will resume monitoring inspections of schools judged as requires improvement or inadequate. They will also continue to carry out section 8 'no formal designation' (NFD) inspections if they have significant concerns about any school

[CES has updated its model application forms and 'Rehabilitation of Offenders Act – Disclosure Form' in light of legislative changes](#) Please ensure your HR providers are aware that that revised application forms are available

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