



Governor News – January 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.

All Foundation Governors should attend a commissioning event, where they will be commissioned directly by Bishop Alan. [Places are available on 28 January 2020 at Brentwood Cathedral](#) with a final commissioning event on **Thursday 7 May 2020** (18:45-20:00) 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. Venue TBA

New workshops and dates have been added to the [Diocesan Governor Training Programme](#), including workshops on special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), Relationships and Sex Education and Headteacher Performance Management.

DfE have published the [2019 primary school performance tables](#), showing the achievements of pupils in each state-funded primary school in England. How did your school do?

A [consultation has been launched to bring all Outstanding schools back into a regular inspection cycle](#), with Ofsted visiting every 4 to 5 years. This change will mean schools currently rated as Outstanding will no longer be exempt from routine inspection from September 2020. The consultation closes on 24 February 2020

Our first Governors' Conference will be on **Friday 9 October 2020** (9:30-16:00), so please note in your diaries. The Conference will be held at de Rougemont Manor in Warley and include a mix of speakers and workshops with a buffet lunch. Further details will follow soon

A reminder that relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education will be compulsory in schools from September 2020. There are useful resources on the [Catholic Education Service website](#) (look under 'Lesson Resources'), including a model policy for relationships and sex education

DfE have announced a further £80million investment in music hubs as well as an additional £4million boost to cultural education [as part of their commitment to allow young people to learn creative skills and widen their horizons](#)

Ofsted have published [part of their research into teacher wellbeing](#) which indicates that while most teachers enjoy teaching, they are suffering high workloads, a lack of work-life balance, a perceived lack of resources and, in some cases, a perceived lack of support from senior managers, especially in managing pupils' behaviour

[The Internet Watch Foundation says the amount of indecent content featuring children](#), especially girls aged between 11 and 13, is growing alarmingly on the internet.

You may be interested to know that Tom Coen, Headteacher of St John Payne Catholic School, is speaking on BBC Essex this Sunday 08.00-08.30 about why families are attracted to Catholic/Faith schools

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