



## Governor News – March 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 at Brentwood Cathedral on **Thursday 7 May 2020** (18:45-20:00) has been organised for those Foundation Governors who have been unable to attend a January event, and for MAT Trustees. Other governors serving in our Catholic schools who would like to attend this unique event are also very welcome. [Book your place here](#)

DfE has published [guidance to assist schools in providing advice regarding the novel coronavirus COVID-19](#). Schools should not close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England

The Diocese of Brentwood has developed a [Protocol for Catholic Multi Academy Trusts](#) which strongly encourages no change in teachers' pay and conditions when converting to academy status

[Book your place at the spring term Chairs' Network meeting on Monday 30 March](#) (6:00-7:30) **The focus will be on Admissions and Appeals**, led by Theresa Kerr from Winckworth Sherwood Law. This is a valuable opportunity for chairs and vice chairs to meet once a term, networking and sharing good practice whilst discussing a range of relevant issues with presenting professionals

Children who spend a lot of time sitting still are more likely to develop depression by the age of 18 according to a [study by researchers at University College London](#)

DfE is seeking views on proposed changes from September 2020 to the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). The [consultation closes on 21 April 2020](#)

[From September 2020, all new primary school pupils will take the reception baseline assessment \(RBA\)](#). This teacher-led check will pave the way for the removal of SATs in year 2 from 2022/23

Has your governing body reviewed the school's IDSR report? This [guidance gives an overview of the inspection data summary report \(IDSR\)](#) for primary and secondary schools, along with information to help interpret the charts

The new Diocesan online learning APP for governors is ready for launch and [chairs have been asked to nominate 5 foundation governors to take part](#) in the first tranche. A further 5 free licences will be made available to each school in the next academic year

[Improving discipline](#) is one of the government's key priorities and DfE have launched the [behaviour hubs programme](#), open to schools who have received an Ofsted 'requires improvement' judgement but based on need. The programme is based on Tom Bennett's independent review of behaviour in schools [creating a culture: how school leaders can optimise behaviour](#)

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