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

Governor News – May 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.

The [Education Secretary has outlined plans to begin to return to school safely](#) and [guidance has been issued for education and childcare settings to help them to prepare for wider opening of schools from 1 June 2020](#). NGA has also issued some useful advice about [the governing bodies role in the safe opening of schools](#)

Although all non-urgent business should be delayed, governing bodies should continue to function, carry out urgent business and make business critical decisions via alternative arrangements such as video or teleconferencing. Many of you have successfully managed headteacher recruitment and headteacher appraisal mid year reviews in this way. If you have not already done so, [you may be interested in the experiences of these three governing boards in meeting virtually](#)

It is [important that governing bodies continue to monitor safeguarding arrangements during this time](#), including the arrangements to keep children not physically attending the school safe. Susie Beresford-Wylie, Director of Student Support at Bradley Stoke Community School in Bristol has shared her article about [keeping children safe during the lockdown](#)

As plans are made for children to return to school, this article [A Recovery Curriculum: Loss and Life for our children and schools post pandemic \(Barry Carpenter and Matthew Carpenter\)](#) makes for interesting reading

[Our first Governors' Conference is now available for booking](#). This full day Conference will be held on **Friday 9 October 2020 (9:30-16:00)** at de Rougemont Manor in Warley and [include a mixture of workshops and speakers](#)

CES have announced the launch of a [free online course on the new statutory RSHE \(Relationship, Sex and Health Education\) curriculum](#). This training is suitable for governors as well as headteachers, teachers and parents

The Bishops of the Department of Catholic Education and Formation have approved a new document entitled [Formation in Virtues: Educating the Whole Person](#), an introduction to Catholic formation in virtues for Catholic educators which is designed to encourage schools to consider how formation and the virtues can be embedded in all aspects of Catholic school life

CES have completed work on [model casual worker contracts for schools and academies and these are now available on the CES website](#)

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