



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Governor News – May 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.

Pupils will have made learning losses, as well as gains, during lockdowns and robust teacher assessment will be crucial in supporting recovery plans. For example, there is [growing evidence that the past year of lockdowns has had an impact on young children's language skills](#). Has your governing body discussed the school's recovery plan?

Ofsted have [updated the Education Inspection Framework \(EIF\)](#) with minor amendments to 'reflect the COVID-19 context that education providers are operating in and the disruption the pandemic has caused to them.' The [revised School Inspection Handbook](#) can be found here

The [summer term CMAT News](#), which shares information about MATs and academies across the Diocese of Brentwood, is now available

DfE has published [guidance on what schools and students need to know about the arrangements for awarding GCSEs, AS and A levels, VTQs and other qualifications in summer 2021](#)

[Following the cancellation of statutory national curriculum assessments due to be held in summer 2021 at key stage 1 and key stage 2](#), DfE will not be publishing any national, regional, local or constituency statistics for any primary school assessments for the 2020 to 2021 academic year

[BDES has developed a model Induction checklist](#) which gives examples of the key information and support that new governors in our Catholic schools should receive. Please feel free to adapt the checklist to meet the needs of your own governing board

Don't forget to book your place on the [July 2021 Governors' Conference via Zoom](#) With a choice of essential workshops over 2 mornings, governors are able to **book for either or both mornings** - [Friday 2 July](#) and/or [Monday 5 July 2021](#) Places are limited to 100 delegates and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The decision to exclude a pupil must be lawful, reasonable and fair and it is vital that all involved are clear about the procedures and protocols that must be followed. [The Exclusion – the role of the governing body webinar on Monday 15 November 2021 \(17:30-19:30\)](#) will look at the [statutory guidance relating to exclusions](#) and explore the legal responsibilities of the governing body. [Book your place](#)

The Education Secretary '[renews vision for all schools to be part of a strong multi-academy trust](#), after pandemic highlights benefits of trust model'

The DfE has [published the School Condition Allocations and Devolved Formula Capital allocations for the financial year 2021–22](#)

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