



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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and Christ is made known to all.”*

### Governor News – September 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.

DfE has [updated guidance for schools during coronavirus](#) as well as [Contingency framework: education and childcare settings](#) and [SEND and specialist settings: additional COVID-19 operational guidance](#)

The new version of [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) (KCSIE) came into effect on 1 September 2021. One area that has been extensively reviewed is peer-on-peer sexual abuse in schools. Ofsted has also published an [updated version of Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills](#) to align it to the latest version of KCSIE. Make sure that the KCSIE 2021 changes are reflected in your school policies and procedures and staff CPD

A new version of [Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between Children in Schools and Colleges](#) also came into force in September 2021

Are all your governors up-to-date with their statutory responsibilities around safeguarding? The next *Safeguarding Children* webinar takes place on **Monday 17 January 2022** (17:30-19:00) and [you can book your place here](#)

Ofsted has updated their [Education Inspection Handbooks](#) clarifying, amongst other things, how inspectors will assess how schools and colleges tackle sexual harassment, abuse and violence among children and young people. A clear line of enquiry for governing bodies will be around the RSE curriculum. Please ensure that at least one governor from your school attends the [Changes to Ofsted Framework webinar for school governors](#) on **Wednesday 1 December 2021** (17:30 -19:30)

Does your secondary school have a governor with a strategic lead in careers education? [The governing body has statutory responsibilities around careers education in schools](#) – p13 summarises your key responsibilities

An Ofsted report has found that [children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) have been disproportionately affected by pandemic](#). You can [read the report, 'SEND: old issues, new issues, next steps', here](#)

*Induction – Being an Effective Governor in a Catholic School* is now being run as a webinar (**Saturday 9 October 10:00- 13:00**). Designed for new governors, the workshop will help governors gain confidence and knowledge of the three core functions of governance within a Catholic setting. [Book your place here](#)

Ofsted's [review of research into factors that influence the quality of music education in schools](#) found that schools need to be more ambitious about what they expect for music in the classroom and make sure that time is well used. An [updated version of the school governors' guide to Music Education](#) by Arts Council England (ACE) includes questions that the governing body can ask

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