



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – October 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.**

In [his letter for Education Sunday 2021](#), Bishop Alan reflected on the impact of the pandemic and his firm belief that the best future for our schools is to work more closely together by joining Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs) to formally shape the Catholic education system in their locality. In light of the Bishop’s recent letter, Fr Stephen will be writing to all Chairs in the very near future about the further development of CMATs across the diocese. To support governing bodies of Catholic maintained schools as they start to explore joining a Catholic multi-academy trust (CMAT), we are running a webinar ***Joining a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT) - Your Questions Answered*** on 29 November 2021 (17:00-18:30) [To book](#)

[Nadhim Zahawi](#) has replaced Gavin Williamson as Education Secretary following a Cabinet reshuffle. He has pledged to bring forward a schools white paper in the new year outlining plans to tackle innumeracy and illiteracy

Governing bodies are accountable for how the [Pupil Premium](#) and [PE and Sport Premium](#) funding allocated to their school is used. **Are you clear about the rationale for this spending and its intended impact?** Do you discuss this at your meetings? What is the quality of the information about how this funding is spent on your school website?

Inspections [under our current Section 48 framework](#) begin again after October half term

DfE have updated their guidance on the 8 principles for [promoting emotional health and wellbeing in schools and colleges](#)

Confused by educational jargon? Our [updated Jargon Buster](#) might help

Have you booked your place on our webinar [Maintaining and Improving the Premises and Sites of Catholic Schools](#) - particularly useful for chairs and those governors responsible for premises issues. You can book your place here [12 Oct 2021](#)

DfE has issued [guidance on the Covid-19 vaccination programme for children and young people](#) which makes it clear that The School Age Immunisation Service will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for healthy 12 to 15 year olds. Here is the [Bishops’ statement in relation to vaccinations](#)

Please note that the new version of the [School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document](#) (STPCD) is valid from 1 September 2021, with all changes applying retrospectively. Some teachers can receive payments to cover catch-up tutoring in response to the pandemic, and working days are reduced for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee bank holiday next year

The [government has announced that it expects GCSE, AS and A levels exams to take place in the 2021 to 2022 academic year, with adaptations to recognise the disruption to pupils’ education](#)

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