



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Governor News – November 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.

The new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum became [statutory from September 2020](#) and it is important that primary and secondary governors are aware of their responsibilities under the new statutory guidance. **A clear line of enquiry by Ofsted for governing bodies will be around the RSE curriculum.** This webinar on **9 February 2022** (17:30-19:30) will explore your responsibilities – you can [book your place here](#)

Our new governor webinar *Changes to the Ofsted Framework* on **Wednesday 1 December 2021** (17:30-19:30) will give governors an important overview of the new Ofsted framework and the implications for governors and trustees. [Book your place here](#)

DfE has published [guidance for maintained schools and academies for managing staff and employment issues](#), replacing the statutory guidance from 2009 ‘Guidance on managing staff in schools’

Statutory guidance for [assessing and reporting the national curriculum at key stage 1 and key stage 2](#) in the 2021 to 2022 academic year has been published

You may have seen the [Bishop’s launch of the Synodal Journey](#). The Synod co-leaders would like to invite interested governors to attend an online introductory training session which will outline the Synod Pathway for the Diocese of Brentwood. Book from a choice of dates [5:00pm Monday 15 November](#) or [5:00pm Wednesday 17 November](#)

DfE has confirmed that [additional money has been allocated to fully fund the reformed suite of National Professional Qualifications with two further NPQs from Autumn 2022 focusing on leadership of Early Years and leadership of literacy](#). There are over 100 Catholic and CofE delivery partner schools across the country, a real opportunity for teachers and leaders at every stage of their career to access development and progression pathways. Please encourage your schools and MATs to maximise this and [enrol staff on these programmes](#)

Many of you will be setting objectives for your headteacher this term and assessing their performance and professional development needs. **If you are a member of the headteacher appraisal panel, our practical online course *Headteacher Appraisal* will provide you with the key information you need to effectively play your part.** If you not currently have access to the Gift-ED library please speak to your chair

[The Royal College of Psychiatrists has reported the number of children and young people being referred to mental health services has increased significantly since the pandemic began.](#) Is pupil wellbeing a regular agenda item at your school?

The British Education Research Association (BERA) have launched a [manifesto](#) calling for teaching about the environment to become a central feature of school inspections and the curriculum. In response to *Laudato Si’* Bishop Alan has launched [a diocesan-wide initiative to ‘inspire, refresh and rejuvenate our care for our common home’](#) inviting parishes, schools and individuals to play their part

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