



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Governor News – March 2022

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.

We are delighted that a further commissioning event has been arranged for Foundation Governors and MAT Trustees who were unable to attend a previous commissioning event in 2020. This will be at Brentwood Cathedral on Monday **16 May 2022 (18:30-19:30)**. Other governors serving in our Catholic schools who would like to attend are also very welcome to be part of this unique event. Governors will be commissioned directly by Bishop Alan, who they represent on governing bodies of Catholic schools. **Please note that Bishop Alan wants to meet and commission all Foundation Governors who are currently in post.** We look forward to welcoming you. To book your place please [complete this form](#)

DfE are seeking views on [proposed changes to the behaviour in schools guidance and the suspension and permanent exclusion guidance](#). The [consultation closes on 31 March 2022](#)

Section 48 inspections in Brentwood Diocese have resumed. Please remember that, under our existing framework, schools are given 5 working days' notice (including the day of the call) and inspections are for one day. BDES has developed [a helpful checklist for governors for Section 48 inspections](#) carried out between February-July 2022

The consultation on the [draft Directory for Prayer and Liturgy in Catholic schools](#) has been extended to **Monday 14 March 2022**. [Here is the link for submitting responses](#)

When did governors and trustees last receive training on their responsibilities and accountabilities for SEND? [Our new webinar on Tuesday 4 October 2022 \(18:00-19:30\)](#) will explore the responsibilities and accountabilities of all governors and trustees, as well as the role of the governor with a lead responsibility for SEND. You can [book your place here](#)

A new report by Ofsted '[Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence](#)' looks at different aspects of pupil attendance and explores successful attendance strategies

DfE is [seeking views on proposed changes to the School Admission Appeals Code](#). The consultation closes on 3 April 2022

Diocesan advice has consistently required the use of [CES Model Admissions policies](#). **This position has not changed.** Each year however we still get the same questions that arise about admissions and inevitably there is always some uncertainty about the use of the Certificate of Catholic Practice. [This update clarifies the position for schools not oversubscribed with Catholics](#)

DfE has published [new guidance explaining the existing legal requirements relating to political impartiality in schools](#)

DfE has published [guidance on accountability measures for 2021/22 at secondary school level \(including Progress 8 and Attainment 8\)](#)

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