



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – April 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.**

Don't forget to book your place at the commissioning event at Brentwood Cathedral on **Monday 16 May 2022 (18:30-19:30)**. Governors and MAT trustees 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.** Other governors serving in our Catholic schools who would like to attend this unique event are also very welcome [Book your place](#)

DfE has set out proposals for future legislation in their new white paper [Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#) **See attachment for a brief summary**

DfE is seeking views on their [SEND Review proposals](#). The [consultation](#) closes 1 July 2022

DfE have issued [guidance on the expectation that all mainstream state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023](#)

The [consultation on the Religious Education Curriculum directory \(RECD\) is now open](#) (closes 20 May 2022) [This video provides an introduction to RECD](#)

Are you confused by ever-evolving educational jargon? Access our [updated jargon buster](#)

The [spring term 2022 CMAT News](#) is now available

Do you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor? Our Diocesan [website](#) has information about the role and a list of current vacancies. Schools looking to recruit Foundation Governors may be interested in our [flyer](#) for distribution to parents and the local Catholic community. [Get in touch](#) if you would like a word version to adapt for your school

Our webinar [Refresher on Good Estate Management for Schools](#) on **Wed 11 May 2022** (6:30-18:00) will give school leaders and governors with property responsibilities an important overview of the information held in the DfE [Good Estate Management for Schools](#) (GEMS) manual. To [book your place](#)

Governors who already have an access code for Faithful Governance will now be able to view a new course **Appointing Heads of RE** as part of the Gift-ED library. Each school has been allocated at least 5 Gift-ED licences. Chairs can [request access to the Gift ED library of online courses for further governors](#)

DfE has updated its [guidance on statutory policies that schools and academy trusts must have](#)

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