



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Governor News – June 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.

Are all your governors up-to-date with their statutory responsibilities around safeguarding? [KCSIE 2022](#) (in force from 1 September 2022) places a statutory obligation on all governors and trustees to receive appropriate safeguarding and child protection training at induction and to ensure that their training is regularly updated. The next *Safeguarding Children* webinar for governors takes place on **Monday 26 September 2022** (17:30-19:00) and you can [book your place here](#)

Governing bodies have a strategic leadership responsibility for their school's safeguarding arrangements and **must** ensure they comply with their duties under legislation. [BDES has developed a useful safeguarding checklist for governors and trustees](#) to help you ensure that your school meets all statutory requirements for safeguarding

The [Schools Bill](#), which reflects the direction of travel set out in the [schools white paper](#), has now had its second reading in the House of Lords. This includes a proposal for a new statutory set of national standards for multi academy trusts, including allowing the secretary of state to set standards in relation to governance structures and board composition. DfE has published a [factsheet](#) explaining the proposals in more detail

DfE is seeking views on their long awaited [SEND Review proposals](#) with the [consultation](#) closing on 1 July 2022. Our webinar *SEND – Responsibilities and Accountability of Governors and Trustees* on **Tuesday 4 October 2022** (18:00-19:30) explores the responsibilities and accountabilities of all governors and trustees, as well as the role of the governor with a lead responsibility for SEND. [Book your place here.](#)

Following requests from various schools, please see the Diocesan [guidance for Governing Bodies and Trusts when setting up a secondment agreement.](#)

DfE has published [new guidance](#), applicable from Sept 2022, detailing expectations of schools and governing bodies in setting high levels of school attendance. The [summary table of responsibilities](#) that accompanies the guidance clearly outlines governing body responsibilities for school attendance

Ofqual has [confirmed](#) that exams will return to normal in the next academic year with no adjustments for pupils to take account for the impact of the pandemic. This means that there will be a return to full subject content coverage for GCSE subjects

DfE have published [guidance to support governors and trustees to have effective discussions about education recovery plans](#) within their school or trust

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