



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – October 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.**

Please note that [CES has updated its guidance for governing boards on the recruitment of staff](#). As well as a more general update, the document reflects the new requirements in KCSIE (Sept 2022) to undertake online searches of shortlisted candidates. Compliance with this guidance is a requirement in the model diocesan protocols on staffing and recruitment

A reminder that **participating in appropriate Catholic governor training is an expectation of all governors regardless of length of service and experience**; we will be looking for evidence of this before approving the re-appointment of foundation governors. We have developed both [online courses](#) and [webinars](#) to support governors in our schools

Look out for the revised 2022 version of the Diocesan Protocols, which will be issued soon

### **How do you as governors promote, monitor and evaluate the provision for the Catholic life and mission of the school, RE and collective worship-prayer and liturgy?**

Schools in the Brentwood Diocese will start to be inspected under the new CSI Framework from January 2023 so don't miss the opportunity to attend our [CSI webinar for governors on 28 November 2022](#) (17:30-19:00)

As previously advised, DfE has recently published [revised statutory guidance on permanent exclusions](#). There are some important changes including more emphasis on taking a pupil's views into account and involving them in the process. If you missed our webinar led by Theresa Kerr at Winckworth Sherwood you can find a link to the recording of the webinar here: <https://vimeo.com/752445004> Password: BDES0922excl

The success of all governance is dependent on developing strong working relationships. Our new webinar *Creating Good Partnerships with School Leaders*, run in collaboration with the Diocese of Chelmsford, takes place on **Monday 13 March 2023 (15:30-17:00)** and will explore what that might look like in terms of a professional relationship of trust to enable good and effective accountability and decision-making. [To book your place](#)

Don't forget that [schools must now have a uniform policy, which is published on the school website and publish details of where second-hand uniform can be purchased](#). There is an obligation on schools to ensure that required uniform items do not impact in an unfair way financially on some households. Is your school compliant?

The Children's Society's [Good Childhood Report 2022](#) has been published. This year's annual report explores children's experiences of school and the impact of the pandemic and cost of living on children and their families. DfE are [seeking the views of governors and trustees on the current school food guidance](#)

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