



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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



Governor News – December 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 you expecting the Catholic School Inspection (CSI) phone call? Our [CSI Checklist for Governors](#) is essential reading. The framework for Catholic School Inspection (CSI) is in the [Catholic Schools’ Inspectorate Inspection Handbook](#)

Please note this important Diocesan [guidance for Governing Bodies and Trusts when setting up a secondment agreement](#).

DfE has released a set of webinars to help schools and Multi-Academy Trusts improve pupil attendance and create an effective school-level attendance policy. [Watch the videos here](#)

The government has asked Ofsted to carry out a [year-long thematic review of careers guidance for young people](#) in schools, and to make recommendations to improve practice. The review is due to be published in the autumn of 2023 and will consider both mainstream and specialist settings

Starting in September 2022, the Health and Safety Executive ([HSE](#)) is [inspecting schools to look at how they are managing the risks of asbestos](#). HSE have provided an [asbestos checklist for schools](#)

How well do you [induct new governors](#)? New governors are strongly encouraged to attend Diocesan Induction training which explores the distinctive nature of Catholic schools and the roles and responsibilities of governors. The first webinar of two modules takes place on **14 December 2022 (17:00-18:30)** [Book your place](#)

Following this popular session last year, a further *Maintaining and Improving the Premises and Sites of Catholic Schools* webinar will take place on **Wednesday 26 April 2023 (17:30-19:00)**. You can [book your place here](#)

New guidance on [preventing hair discrimination in schools](#) has been published by Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) following [research](#) that found discrimination related to hair or hairstyles disproportionately affects pupils with Afro-textured hair. Schools and trusts have a duty to ensure that all policies relating to hair or hairstyles are designed and implemented in a way that does not discriminate against pupils from certain groups

A reminder that [CES has updated its guidance for governing boards on the recruitment of staff](#) which reflects the new recommendations in KCSIE to undertake online searches of shortlisted candidates. **Compliance with this guidance is a requirement in the model diocesan protocols on staffing and recruitment**

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