



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – January 2023

**Blessings for a new term and the New Year. 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.**

The next *Safeguarding Children* update will run as a webinar on **Monday 27 March 2023** (17:30-19:00) and cover all the essential information needed to understand your statutory responsibilities. [Book your place](#)

The next *Role of Trustees in a Catholic MAT* webinar on **21 March 2023** (17:30- 19:00) is a short course intended for those new to the trustee role within a Catholic MAT (CMAT) or as a refresher for trust boards as part of their ongoing training requirements. [To book your place](#)

Church Marketplace has launched their newest energy framework offering green, mixed and brown contracts as half hourly electricity, non-half hourly electricity, mains gas, biomass and oil supplies. Fully Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR15) compliant, it is perfect for all Catholic schools and multi-academy trusts. [Read more about the plan to go green here.](#)

Swimming and water safety are [national curriculum requirements](#) and essential life skills. **Has your primary school reinstated swimming lessons post pandemic?** You can use the [PE and sport premium](#) to train staff to support high-quality swimming and water safety lessons for their pupils and to provide additional top-up swimming lessons to pupils who have not been able to meet the national curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety - after the delivery of core swimming and water safety lessons

Although [Ofsted's annual report](#) 2022 reveals an 'improving picture' in schools, it warns of the lasting impact of lost education on achievement and both mental and physical health. A [brief precis of the findings can be found here](#)

From 1 January 2023, legislation came into force making it a legal requirement for schools to ensure all year 8- 13 pupils have at least six opportunities to meet providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. **Secondary school governors** - How do you monitor the quality of careers support in your school? Do you have a governor with a careers lead? [Statutory guidance for schools on providing careers guidance](#)

The first edition of the Diocesan [School Buildings News](#) is a helpful resource for governors with premises responsibilities

Gillian Keegan, the Education Secretary, has announced the end of the Schools Bill passing through parliament - although DfE remains committed to the objectives of the Bill and will prioritise elements when formulating the legislative agenda going forward. This will include creating a register of children not in school

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