



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – March 2023

**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.**

Bishop Alan wants to meet and commission all Foundation Governors who are currently in post and we are delighted that a further commissioning event has been arranged for **Thursday 22 June 2023** (18:00 start) at The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay. This event is for new Foundation Governors and MAT Trustees and those unable to attend a previous commissioning but other governors serving in our Catholic schools who would like to attend are also welcome to be part of this unique event. [To book your place](#)

The new [Religious Education Directory \(RED\)](#) for Catholic Schools is now available. This directory replaces the 2012 RECD but full implementation is not expected until 2025. **Save the date:** Training for governors on the new RED will be on **26 June 2023**. Details to follow.

Please note that Diocesan policy since 2016 has been that Foundation Governors **must not be related to any staff or governors at the school where they are appointed**. This has now been clarified in our [governor nomination and disclosure form](#). For those people who have been appointed and have acted in good faith we will review who is appointed, as we would anyway, when they come up for re-appointment. The [Diocesan Protocols on Governance](#) is an important document setting out our key principles and expectations

[Book your place for the next Safeguarding Children webinar](#) on **Monday 27 March 2023** (17:30-19:00)

The government has published its long awaited [Improvement Plan for SEND](#) and Alternative Provision following a public consultation on proposals in the [SEND Review](#) published in 2022. The plan sets out a roadmap to transform the SEND and AP system and will first be trialled across nine regional partnerships

The Government is setting out [new standards for equal access to sports](#), making it clear that girls and boys should be offered the same sports during PE and extracurricular time in schools. As part of these standards, schools are being asked to deliver a minimum of two hours curriculum PE time with DfE support through a refresh of the School Sport Action Plan

Parentkind's latest Parent Voice Survey [report](#) finds that the relationship between parents and schools has never been so important yet many feel they are not able to have a say on school decisions that affect their child's education. Our Gift-ED *Engaging with Parents* online course, suitable for all governors, suggests ideas and strategies to improve parental engagement. If you would like to request access to Gift-Ed [get in touch](#)

If you are on a Premises committee or have responsibility for premises issues [book your place](#) on the [Maintaining and Improving the Premises and Sites of Catholic Schools webinar](#) on **Wednesday 26 April 2023** (17:30-19:00)

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