



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

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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 find attached an important survey and message from Bishop Alan inviting you to share your thoughts, stories and experiences of the Catholic Church

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 RED is the new [Religious Education Directory \(RED\)](#) from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, with which Catholic schools must be in full compliance by **September 2025**. It covers Religious Education as delivered in primary schools and in secondary schools up to and including Key Stage 3. This new webinar on **27 June 2023** (17:00-18:30) about the directory will enable effective and informed monitoring of Religious Education in coming years. [To book your place please complete this form](#)

Many governing bodies have found it useful to assign the role of 'Training Link Governor' to one of their governors, to promote governor development and to ensure governor training records are kept by the school. You may find our [model job description](#), which you can use or adapt, useful as well as this [model template for reporting on individual training](#).

Every school and academy must publish specific information on its website, including information about the governing body and trust board. Please note that a new section has been added to the DfE guidance which encourages schools and trust boards to collect and publish governing board and trust board diversity data

[What maintained schools must publish online](#)

[What academies must publish online](#)

DfE have updated their [non-statutory guidance on how to make the best use of pupil premium funding](#). How does your governing body monitor the impact of pupil premium spend?

As you know, the Bishop's vision and the wider Diocesan plan is for all schools within our Diocese to become part of deanery based multi academy trusts. This webinar *Role of Trustees in a Catholic MAT (CMAT)*, rescheduled for **Tuesday 2 May 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](#)

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