



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – June 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.**

**Have you booked your place yet?** If you are a new Foundation Governor or MAT Trustee - or are a Foundation Governor who has been unable to attend a previous commissioning – don't forget to book your place at the commissioning event on **Thursday 22 June 2023** (18:00 start) at The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay. [To book your place](#)

**Have you considered using your skills and experience to support another local Catholic school?** If you are interested and have capacity to become a governor at another school please get in touch [debbibotham@brcdt.org](mailto:debbibotham@brcdt.org)

DfE has published the [2023 version of the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education](#). This **comes into force on 1 September 2023**

It is important that all governors are aware of their responsibilities for child protection and safeguarding - **especially new governors as part of their induction** and governors with a lead for monitoring safeguarding in your school. The next *Safeguarding Children* update will run as a webinar on **Monday 2 October 2023** (17:30-19:00) and cover all the essential information needed to understand your statutory responsibilities. To [book a place](#)

DfE has updated their [statutory guidance on the suspension and permanent exclusion of pupils from maintained schools and academies](#) which **comes into force on 1 September 2023**. A summary of the changes can be found on pages 8 and 9

Review of RSHE - DfE has [announced the formation of an independent advisory panel who will provide expert advice on what is appropriate to be taught in RSHE and at what age](#) The review will be completed by the end of the year, following a consultation in the autumn

New Ofsted [research](#) commissioned by DfE highlights the impact of teachers' professional development on pupil outcomes following a survey and research-led visits by inspectors. Governing boards have an important role in establishing a culture where the continuing professional development (CPD) of leaders, teachers and other staff is valued and prioritised

[England has risen to fourth out of 43 countries in the 2021 international reading literacy study \(PIRLS\)](#) which assesses and compares the reading attainment and attitudes of pupils in their fourth year of formal schooling across participating countries

The latest surveys show a worrying rise in experimental vaping among 11 to 17-year-olds, with companies clearly marketing these products at children using colours, flavours and cheap disposable options. [The government is taking steps to crack down on rogue firms targeting children with free samples](#) and have announced a review into banning the vaping industry selling 'nicotine-free' vapes to under 18s

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