



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.

The [Prayer and Liturgy Directory](#) for schools ‘To love You more dearly’ has been published

The revised [2023 version of the Diocesan Protocols](#) for maintained schools and academies sets out the principles governing the relationship between the diocese and those responsible for running Catholic schools

The Diocese has published [updated guidance on admission to Catholic schools effective from September 2023](#). This replaces all previous guidance issued by the diocesan bishop

How confident are governors that the school meets all statutory requirements for safeguarding? We have updated our [safeguarding checklist for governors](#) to support you

How will you as governors ensure that the school curriculum for religious education is a faithful expression of the new [Religious Education Directory \(RED\)](#) for Catholic schools? We are repeating the RED webinar for governors on **21 November 2023** (17:00-18:30) so don't miss the opportunity to attend if you missed it last time. [To book your place](#)

DfE has confirmed how much [PE and sport premium funding](#) primary schools will receive for the academic year 2023 to 2024, and advice on how to spend it. **Can governors articulate how the PE and sport premium funding is used in their school?** What training do staff receive to ensure the quality of the teaching of PE, sport and physical activity is sustainable?

Ofsted has published three new subject reports looking at the [quality of geography teaching](#) in the schools inspected in England as well as [PE](#) and [music](#) taught in schools. There is also an accompanying [podcast episode](#) where the three report authors discuss what they found

Ofsted have carried out an [independent review of careers guidance in schools](#) Although they found many examples of good practice, careers guidance was often underdeveloped in key stage 3, particularly for Year 7

Chairs and Vice Chairs –hold the date. The termly virtual Chairs' Forum for chairs/vice chairs will cover key topics as well as advice on recent Diocesan and National educational developments. The next meeting will take place online on **Monday 13 November 2023 (16:30-18:00)**. Details and booking available soon.

This report from PublicFirst on [changing parental attitudes to school attendance](#) makes interesting reading

[New guidance from DfE will back headteachers in banning mobile phone use throughout the school day](#) to tackle disruptive behaviour while boosting attention during lessons

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