



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – November 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.**

Pope Francis has published a new Apostolic Exhortation- [LAUDATE DEUM](#)- ‘To all people of good will on the climate crisis’. **How ‘green’ is your school?** Do you regularly discuss these issues and seek to improve your school’s carbon footprint?

DfE’s policy paper [Sustainability and climate change: a strategy for the education and children’s services system](#) sets out 5 action areas for education. **Is there a focus on sustainability and climate action in your 5 year plan?**

Don’t forget to book your place on the Religious Education Directory (RED) webinar for governors on **21 November 2023** (17:00- 18:30) if you missed it last time. [To book](#)

**Calling all chairs and vice chairs** – the new Chairs’ Forum is an important termly virtual event for chairs and vice chairs covering key topics as well as advice on recent Diocesan and National educational developments. The autumn term meeting will take place online on **Monday 13 November 2023 (16:30-18:00)**. [To book your place please use this form](#)

The Education Secretary has [written to all schools in England](#) stating that they ‘can and should’ share relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) curriculum materials with parents. DfE are currently carrying out a thorough review into the RSHE curriculum and are due to publish the updated guidance for full public consultation later this year

Our [Handbook for New Governors](#) has been updated. This aims to support all new governors in our Diocesan schools with the key information they need to be effective

[KS1](#) and [KS4](#) attainment data has now been published and this should be shared with the governing body. [Provisional results for KS2](#) have also been published, with an update expected in December 2023. **How did attainment for your school compare with national and regional data?**

[DfE have updated their data protection toolkit](#) which aims to help school staff, governors and trustees understand how to comply with data protection law and develop their data policies and processes

Drawing on online surveys of over 2700 teachers and senior leaders in April and May 2023, [this research, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, aims to explore how the cost-of-living is affecting schools in a series of three reports](#)

[DfE is proposing a new Baccalaureate-style qualification](#) for 16 to 19 year olds with students able to take a mix of technical and academic subjects. DfE plans to consult extensively over the coming months on the design of the new qualification, informing a White Paper next year

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