



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Governor News – July 2024

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.

Catholic School Inspections in Brentwood Diocese in the autumn term will **commence from w/b 16 September 2024**. It is vital that schools have their Catholic School Self-Evaluation documents ready as these will need to be sent to the Lead Inspector after their initial telephone call. Please note that **schools in the Diocese of Brentwood which were last inspected under Section '48 from -March 2018-November 2018- can expect to be inspected under CSI between September 2024 and July 2025**. *(Please note this may be subject to change if inspection administration circumstances outside of our control dictate).*

Please note the new [updated Diocesan Scheme of Delegation for Multi-Academy Trusts](#) (see under 'Related Links') for September 2024, updated following detailed discussion and consultation with MAT representatives and the guidance of the diocesan solicitors Winckworth Sherwood, in a process which worked to capture existing good practice

Please note that your primary school **should have submitted RE and Phonics data to the Diocese by 8 July 2024. KS2 SATS data should also be sent by 15 July 2024**. Your headteacher has been sent the proform to do this. **Have governors discussed the data for their school?**

Here's a roundup of webinars for governors and trustees in the autumn term for your diaries. Click on highlighted courses to book your place:

[Asbestos Guidance – Responsibilities and Management](#) 26 September 2024 (16:00-17:30), [Safeguarding Children](#) 7 October 2024 (17:30-19:00), [Joining a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust: Your Questions Answered](#) 15 October 2024 (17:30-19:00), [Chairs' Forum for chairs and vice chairs](#) 22 October 2024 (16:30-18:00), [Preparing for Ofsted – webinar for governors](#) 6 November 2024 (17:00-18:30), [School Buildings and Premises – Statutory Compliance Guidance](#) 19 November 2024 (16:00-17:30), [Induction Module 1](#) 9 December 2024 (17:00-18:30)

Primary teachers report that the share of pupils coming into schools hungry, without adequate clothing or equipment for lessons continues to increase compared to last year according to a new report by the National Foundation for Education Research (NFER) on the impact of the cost-of-living crisis in schools

*What happens to bright 5-year-olds from poor backgrounds? [A new paper by academics at University London \(UCL\)](#) finds that although the cognitive skills of bright 5-year-olds from low-income families keep pace with those of children from high-income families through to the end of primary school, the transition into secondary is a critical period, with high-achieving children from low-income backgrounds experiencing a particularly sharp relative decline in their attitudes towards school, behaviour, mental health and academic achievement between the ages of 11 and 14*

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