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Dear Colleagues in Catholic Education

Every second Wednesday, the Education Service provides schools with a wide variety of materials, resources, advice and updates on all matters relating to our schools and colleges. The content of these bulletins are for Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Teaching Staff, Governors, Clergy and anyone who may benefit from them.

Please feel free to share.

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*Thank you for all you are doing for your school community
and for Catholic education!*

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Upcoming CPD – Online Courses

Date/Time	Course
23 rd June 5.00pm to 6.00pm	Financial Accountability for Governors of Catholic Schools
25 th June 9.15am to 12.15pm	Spirituality and Pupil Led Worship
25 th June 9.30pm to 3.30pm	Heads of RE Day
29 th June 9.30pm to 3.30pm	RE for Non Specialist
30 th June 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Spirituality in the Catholic Primary School
2 nd July 5.00pm to 6.00pm	REC Online Conference Part 2
5 th July 9.30am to 12.30pm	New Heads of RE
6 th July 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Developing a Pupil Chaplaincy Team
7 th July 3.45pm to 5.00pm	Foundation Stones Single Session – Prayer
8 th July 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Developing Advocacy in Schools for Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity

Important Secondary CPD for RE and Catholic Life

This half term there are a number of courses coming up for teachers in our secondary RE Departments. There is the Online New Heads of RE on the 5th July [HERE](#). Also if you will have staff teaching RE next academic year who are not subject specialists on the 29th June there is the Online RE for Non-Specialists [HERE](#), a day to support these teachers so they understand the importance of RE in Catholic schools and can recognise misconception that can exist when teaching RE, as well as gaining tips for making RE engaging and accessible to all.

In addition, it is crucial that all Heads of RE attend the Heads of RE Online Day on the 25th June [HERE](#) as we will have Nancy Conoboy, Chief Inspector, speaking on the new national inspection framework and Philip Robinson from the CES speaking about the new RECD.

New Online Foundation Stones Course - September 2021



FOUNDATION STONES ONLINE COURSE

12 HOUR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO CATHOLICISM
3.30PM TO 4.45PM

Participants learn about the key Catholic beliefs and practices and the course is structured to allow participants to ask questions and discuss ideas so they can gain insights into the Catholic faith. This in turn aids the teaching of RE and understanding of the Catholic Life of each school.

Excellent CPD for non-Catholic teachers or those who are not confident teaching RE. The online structure of this course enables schools across the Diocese to access the course and it means a group of teachers can take part without needing to leave school.

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20 SEPT	Introduction of participants to the Catholic Faith.	27 SEPT	Introduction of participants to God's Revelation and God the Father and Creator.
04 OCT	Introduction of participants to God the Son: Jesus Christ.	11 OCT	Introduction of participants to God the Holy Spirit, Mary and the Saints.
18 OCT	Introduction of participants to the Church and to the Liturgy, Liturgical Year and the Seven Sacraments.	01 NOV	Introduction of participants to the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
08 NOV	Introduction of participants to the Sacrament of the Eucharist.	15 NOV	Introduction of participants to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
22 NOV	Introduction of participants to the Sacrament of Marriage and Ordination.	29 NOV	Introduction of participants to Living a Christian Life and Prayer.

"This course made so many Catholic things I was unsure about clear and now I feel more confident to teach RE."

"Foundation Stones gave me more confidence with RE as I could ask the questions I thought I should know the answers to."

A new online Foundation Stones Course will be starting in September. This course introduces participants to the Catholic faith. It takes place online after school making it accessible to all staff. This new course will be running each Monday from the 20th September between 3.30-4.45pm for 10 weeks. NQTS, non-Catholic staff and those wanting to improve their knowledge of Catholicism will benefit greatly from this CPD opportunity. The flyer contains more information and you can book [HERE](http://www.courses.rcdow.org.uk)

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National Professional Qualifications

Study for the full suite of new National Professional Qualifications with the Church of England working in partnership with the Catholic Education Service.

From September the full suite of the new National Professional Qualifications will be delivered nationwide in an exciting new partnership between Catholic and Church of England schools, MATs/ CATs and Teaching School Hubs working with the Church of England Education Office and the Catholic Education Service.

Included in the network of Delivery Partners for the London and South East areas are two of our own Catholic organisations from the Diocese of Westminster: The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) and The Cardinal Vaughn Memorial School. ASCAT will be taking the lead in the delivery of the NPQLT and will also be supporting delivery of the NPQH, NPQLBC and the NPQEL in the South East area. Cardinal Vaughn will be leading in the delivery of the NPQH and the NPQLT for the London area.

Not only has the content and delivery methods of the qualifications been changed to reflect the challenges of teaching and learning in faith schools in the 21st century but we expect the funding mechanism for these to change also with the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) and the National Professional Qualification for Leading Teacher Development fully funded for all schools. In addition to this, the DfE have indicated that all NPQs will be fully funded for all schools ranked in the top 30% of schools by Pupil Premium allocation.

Please follow the link [here](#) to find out more about the new NPQs including details of the new courses and how to apply for these:

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: June

Intention for evangelisation - *The Beauty of Marriage*

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



New resource for primary and secondary schools **Amoris Laetitia - World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

In March 2021 Pope Francis declared a year of the Family, five years after he wrote Amoris Laetitia which is about the of beauty and joy of love in the family. As it is the feast day of Jesus' grandparents (Anne and Joachim) in July, the Pope has announced the very first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to take place on 25th July 2021. The theme is 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

The feast can be celebrated by schools and families at a convenient time and this booklet offers some ideas on how pupils can grow in love with grandparents and the elderly at home. There is one available for both primary and secondary schools and they can be found: [HERE](#)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM DAY AFTER Pentecost Until First Day of Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews	GREEN
Those Who Suffer Persecution Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Oppression Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Those Who Suffer Denial of Human Rights Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 nd June)	
Europe Especially on the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Catherine of Siena (29 April)	
Human Life Especially on the day for Life (3 rd Sunday in June)	
Seafarers Especially on Sea Sunday (2 nd Sunday in July)	

The Year of St Joseph

The theme for July is perseverance and the prayer resource for this can be found [HERE](#). It follows the structure: Gather, Listen, Respond, Mission and can be amended and adapted for use with primary or secondary schools and led by teachers or pupils. Thank you to St Joseph's Primary School in Islington for their beautiful artwork. We are now looking for artwork for future resources and we would love to celebrate your work. If you have artwork or any other pupil work to share, please do send them directly to elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk or trishahedley@rcdow.org.uk



June – the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John the Baptist (24th) St John Southworth (27th) Ss Peter and Paul (29th) Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost) <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Oliver Plunket (1st) St Thomas, the Apostle (3rd) St Elizabeth (5th) St Maria Goretti (6th) St Benedict (11th) 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seafarer Day (25th) International Asteroid Day (30th) <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Cooperatives (11th) World Youth Skills Day (15th) Nelson Mandela Day (18th) International Day of Friendship (30th)

St John Southworth

St John Southworth's feast day is celebrated on 27th June. To support with this, we have created a PowerPoint that can be amended and adapted for use in schools. Please see our Beatitudes resource Week 13 for this resource which can be found [here](#).

CCRS Updates

Calling all teaching staff! Are you in need of a helpful tool for teaching RE in the classroom? Or maybe you are interested in furthering your career in a Catholic School? Are you a Senior Leader who would like to support your staff with CPD, demonstrating your commitment to RE in the Catholic School? The CCRS can provide the answer to all these questions!

We will continue to run the course online, which is nationally certificated. There are a variety of timings to choose from. A new group will commence in September 2021, running on a Saturday (2 Saturdays per module, 10 - 4pm)). There is also a group already running on a Thursday (4-6pm, for five weeks per module). There are 8 modules, usually one each half-term. It normally takes 18 months - 2 years to complete.

Please contact Margaret Hanley, CCRS Co-ordinator ccrs@rcdow.org.uk with any questions.

Year 6 Online Leavers Mass

Our Education Service is currently organising a diocesan **Year 6 Leavers' Mass** and the recording of this will be shared with you on **Monday 5th July** so that you can join us in celebrating with our young people and praying for them as they take this next step in their educational journey. The Mass will take place in St Mary and St Michael's Church in Tower Hamlets and celebrated by Fr Willie Skehan.

Depaul UK- Education Programme

Depaul UK is a youth homelessness charity, currently working in schools and colleges across the UK with Key stages 3, 4 and 5. We deliver workshops that build knowledge, awareness and understanding of the risks of youth homelessness, but also around making safer choices, healthy relationships, managing conflict and risk to build resilience. Depaul UK also offer more tailored and targeted workshops for smaller groups who may be more vulnerable to the issues and risks covered. The programme also includes training for professionals, to build knowledge and confidence in supporting young people and available support so that those in key roles can confidently help prevent youth homelessness.

If you would like more information about Depaul UK services, then please do get in touch! Depaul UK Education (London/South East): Tel 0207 939 1220 or Email: education.LSE@depaulcharity.org.uk Or visit our website: Depaul UK website: <https://uk.depaulcharity.org/projects/schools-programme/>

RENATE Anti-Trafficking

We have been asked to alert colleagues to a short film competition for young people organised by Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation (RENATE). Please advertise this widely in your diocese, poster attached.

RENATE is inviting 16-24 year olds in European countries to create a film, (approx. 4 minutes) based on the Slogan 'Slavery - Human Trafficking – Near YOU!'. The film can be produced by an individual or a team with generous prizes for winning entries.

The deadline for entries is 20 August 2021. More information about the competition please see details on the website at: <https://www.renateevents.net/film-competition>



CAFOD Update

CAFOD clubs provide everything you need to bring a global justice focus to your existing chaplaincy team, or you can run a CAFOD club as a standalone club too. When you register for our pack, you receive a free box of resources including:

- Guide
- Peters Projection World Map
- Banner
- Prayer
- Badges
- Letter for parents
- Pencils
- Stickers
- Certificate

Light touch termly plans with ideas for club activities are available on the club webpage, usually on a termly basis (although we know clubs haven't been running during lockdown as it's too difficult to cross bubbles). There's also the club song on this webpage too, as long as bespoke resources for CAFOD clubs, such as our film 'New Friends'. [CAFOD clubs for primary schools | CAFOD](#)

Other resources that may be useful to your CAFOD club include our Pupil Led Worship Pack, with a guide, planner, prompt cards, prayer card templates, photo pack, children's stories from our global neighbours: [Collective worship for primary schools | CAFOD](#)

Also on the Kidz Zone page, there are prayers and activities to help children get to know their global neighbours. [Kidz Zone | CAFOD](#)



ACN Art Competition - "What does Peace mean to you?"

We invite you to be a part of an exciting art competition, linking to our annual #RedWednesday campaign, the theme for this competition is *"What does peace mean to you?"* – artists are free to interpret this at their will.

Who can enter?

We have two categories: 0-10 years and 11-16 years. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner from each category.

How to enter:

Email our Events Manager, Catharine, at catharine.crowson@acnuk.org to register your place in the competition, with your name and age. Artists are to email 2-3 photos of their work to Catharine and a few words about the inspiration behind the piece. The closing date for entries to be received by Catharine is 31st October 2021. This competition is for under 16s, we have an open call for adults [HERE](#).



Prizes:

The 3 winning pieces from each category will be exhibited in Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Winning pieces will also be shown on our website and featured in our January mailing.

The Bible and Catholics: A Guide for Readers

This good practice Guide includes a general list of the role and responsibilities of Readers, their Biblical mandate, important information on the Lectionary and some good practice tips. See [HERE](#).

Missio: Day of Many Colours

In June we celebrate the Day of Many Colours which is shared in every country where our Church is present. Through the Pope's charity, Mission Together (see [HERE](#)) similar days are held around the world, each with the same aim: to develop in children a missionary spirit of care for others; expressed through prayer, charity, action, and solidarity.

Based on the five colours of the Mission Rosary (see [HERE](#)), this special day encourages children to unite with their sisters and brothers around the world and celebrate, through prayer and action, their valued place in God's universal family.

The Day of Many Colours (#DOMC) usually takes place on June 29 the feast of Saints Peter and Paul), but schools can select a more convenient day. Mission Together has created a bank of free resources to help your school host a Day of Many Colours. (See [HERE](#)).



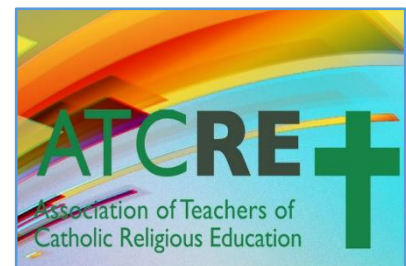
ATCRE National Conference Saturday 2nd October 2021 10.00am - 3.45pm

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, Urban Rd, Altrincham
 Keynote speakers:

David Wells and Philip Robinson

Seminar speakers: Marie Fahy, Raymond Friel, Julie Rourke, Helen Bridges, Richard Kueh, Nancy Conoboy, Paul McHugh, Andy Lewis, Bob Bowie

To book your ticket visit [HERE](#).



Little Amal: The Walk – July to November 2021

This is to alert you to a travelling international festival of art and hope taking place in support of refugees: **The Walk**. Little Amal, a 3.5 metre-tall puppet of a 9 year old Syrian refugee girl, will walk across the European continent to shine a light on the stories of millions of young refugees. Amal arrives in England on 18 October and concludes her journey in Manchester on 3 November 2021. In preparation for Amal's arrival there is an education programme for schools with creative learning projects and a variety of resources and events available on the website [Education - The Walk \(walkwithamal.org\)](http://walkwithamal.org)

Cardinal Vincent is very keen to ensure that the Catholic community in England and Wales gives this maximum support by engaging with the activities and raising awareness.

Webinar

Preaching to the Hearts of Children

*Understanding Children and
Ways to Reach Them*



Thursday 1ST JULY, 2021
2:00-3:30pm

catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk

Speaker:

Dr. Ann Garrido

**Author, Educator &
Associate
Professor of
Homiletics
(Aquinas Institute,
St. Louis.)**

To book and
receive zoom
link, please e-
mail:

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Westminster Justice and Peace Update

London Climate Action Week - 26th June - 4th July. Many events and speakers from organisations across London, including a Schools Summit on 29th June. The Justice & Peace Co-ordinator, Colette Joyce, is leading a Tree Walk from Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 27th June, 3-5pm. This easy circular walk is open to children and families. Find details [here](#).



Young Christian Climate Network Relay 13th June - 1st November - Organised by young Christians age 18-30, the Relay is a walk from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow to highlight the decisions that need to be made by world leaders to tackle climate change. Anyone of any age can join for a day or more of the relay and there is a four day stop in London 5th-8th August for climate-related events at various churches. The relay travels through the Diocese of Westminster from 9th-13th August with overnight stops at Harrow, Hemel Hempstead, Tring and Watford. To find out how you can take part or offer support en route please sign-up via the website <https://www.yccn.uk> or contact Colette Joyce who is joining this section of the relay. colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk. Follow on social media @YCCNetwork

Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October - The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation. The season starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The theme this year is "A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD." Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." With this concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth. Find details [here](#).

Season of Creation Video Competition - All schools and parishes in Westminster are invited to demonstrate your care for the environment by producing a three-minute video for the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission Video Competition. Your video should show how you look after people and planet and can include shots of nature in your grounds, events, displays, interviews, music, drama, art or other original ideas. Entries are invited from Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form. Up to three entries per school. Prizes of £500, £250 or £100 garden centre vouchers. Deadline 1st October 2021. Visit the website [here](#) for more details and to view last year's winning entries:

Inspection Update

Diocesan Inspection

Diocesan Inspection will resume in September 2021, but the DfE are yet to confirm how long we have to 'catch-up' on inspections that are now overdue. As soon as this information is available, a revised inspection cycle will be provided. Any school inspected next year in Westminster that is not part of the pilot will be inspected under the existing framework. The new National Framework will be fully implemented in September 2022, at which point the existing Framework will become redundant. It is anticipated that the new National Framework Handbook and SEF will be published before the end of this academic year and training will be provided throughout next year. If your school is interested in taking part in the pilot and has not yet expressed an interest, please contact the Chief Inspector using the email address below.

In the coming months, the Diocese will be looking to recruit CSI inspectors for the implementation of the new Framework in September 2022. Further details about the role and application process will be provided when the training schedule is finalised by the CES.

If you have any queries, please contact nancyconoboy@rcdow.org.uk.

RSE Update

Relationship and Sex Education in Catholic Schools

In this first term of teaching RSE you might find it useful to re-read the 'Frequently Asked Questions' document from the Bishops of England and Wales on the importance and place of RSE in our schools. It may also help you address any concerns arising from the parent consultation. The statement can be found on our website [here](#).

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update

ONLINE RJED CPD PROGRAMME 2021

15 JUN LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE

To develop a shared language and practice.

Speaker: Professor Paul Miller

Audience: All staff, parents, clergy, Diocesan staff, Non Diocesan staff.

Tuesday 15th June | 3.30 to 5.00pm



DEVELOPING ADVOCACY IN SCHOOLS 8 JUL

To develop advocacy in schools for racial justice, equality and diversity.

Speaker: Susan Elderfield

Audience: School leaders and governors in primary and secondary schools.

Thursday 8th July | 3.30 to 5.00pm



29 SEPT UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

Participants will learn and understand why and how unconscious bias can affect the decisions we make about others and the impact it has on productivity and outcomes.

Speaker: Orlene Badu

Audience: All staff, parents, clergy, Diocesan staff.

Wednesday 29th September | 3.30 to 5.00pm

RACIAL JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN SACRED SCRIPTURE 25 NOV

To explore the themes of racial justice, equality and diversity in the light of Sacred Scripture.

Speaker: Father Victor Darlington

Audience: All staff, governors, parents, clergy and Diocesan staff.

Thursday 25th November | 3.30 to 5.00pm

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ONLINE RJED CPD PROGRAMME 2022

18 JAN DIVERSIFYING, DECOLONISING AND INCLUSIVISING THE CURRICULUM

To support participants in understanding conceptual differences in terms of what a diverse, decolonised and inclusive curriculum means.

Speaker: Professor Paul Miller

Audience: All staff, parents, clergy, Diocesan staff, Non Diocesan staff.

Tuesday 18th January | 3.30 to 5.00pm



RETHINKING THE CURRICULUM: SCHOOLS' WORKSHOP 22 FEB

To support participants in rethinking an inclusive curriculum.

Speaker: Alexandra Brown and representatives from three Diocesan schools.

Audience: All staff, school leaders, governors in primary and secondary schools.

Tuesday 22nd February | 3.30 to 5.00pm



11 MAY CHALLENGING RACIAL INJUSTICE IN THE CHURCH

To challenge racial injustice in the Church.

Speaker: Father Richard Nesbitt

Audience: All staff, parents, clergy, Diocesan staff.

Wednesday 11th May | 3.30 to 5.00pm

SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY 20 JUN

To develop advocacy in schools for racial justice, equality and diversity.

Speaker: Susan Elderfield

Audience: All staff, governors, parents, clergy and Diocesan staff.

Monday 20th June | 3.30 to 5.00pm

AN ADDITIONAL SESSION TITLED 'PRIMARY ANTI-RACIST RE' WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER LAT BLAYLOCK IS AVAILABLE VIA OUR BOOKING SITE ON THE 24TH MARCH 2022

ALL SESSIONS CAN BE PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY HOWEVER WE HAVE CREATED A PACKAGE WHICH PROVIDES AN AFFORDABLE BOOKING OPTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL, CLICK THE ICON BELOW.

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The Diocesan RJED Working Party are delighted to offer this comprehensive Catholic programme of CPD which aims to educate, inform and inspire participants so they can actively work to achieve racial justice and equality in their communities.

There are eight sessions each running between 3.30-5pm on different days to make them accessible to all staff. The first two sessions are taking place this half term on the 15th June [HERE](#) and the 8th July [HERE](#) and then there will be a session each half term during the next academic year. The eight sessions will cover - Advocacy in Schools, Unconscious Bias, Racial Justice in light of Sacred Scripture, Decolonising the Curriculum, Challenging Racial Injustice in the Church, Solidarity in the Face of Adversity and much more...

You can purchase individual tickets for each session or you can save your school money and buy a school bundle [HERE](#) which includes access to all the sessions for all staff, leaders, governors and parents.



Title: Developing Advocacy in Schools for Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity

Speaker: Susan Elderfield

Date: 8th July 2021

Time: 3:30-5pm

Audience: Leaders, governors, parents, clergy, members of diocesan departments

Aim: To develop advocacy in schools for racial justice, equality and diversity

Content:

- Explain the processes and responsibilities (legal and faith) in developing advocacy in schools.
- Support stakeholders in developing a self-evaluation and audit and offer guidance for policies and safeguarding.
- Explore the essential building blocks of a just, equal and diverse community and how to develop these to create a positive culture.
- Support leaders to effect necessary change and offer them tools and language to do this.
- Provide ideas on how to dialogue and listen to each other as well as create a 'safe place and a brave space' for all those in our school community.

Book: [HERE](#)

Fr Nesbitt – Rooting Out Racism from our Parish

Fr Nesbitt is a speaker on the RJED programme for next year. He has written a booklet called Rooting Out Racism from our Parish. This will be sent to all parishes and is freely available [here](#)

Governance Update

Revised Admissions Code

The 2021 School Admissions Code is available to view by following this link:

[School admissions code - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/school-admissions-code)

The 2021 version has been published, but it is subject to parliamentary approval which should be given in early July. The proposed changes cannot yet be made until they have been approved by parliament and any changes that need to be made (mainly in relation to oversubscription criteria one and possibly in-year applications) will be addressed by the CES once parliamentary approval is given.

If parliament approves the 2021 version it will apply to all admission arrangements from 1 September 2021. The CES has been informed by the Department for Education that they are working on guidance to accompany some of the changes and this will be shared as soon as the proposed changes are confirmed (likely to be early July). We appreciate the timeframes are tight, but this is not within diocesan control. Please contact Tony Gorton tonygorton@rcdow.org.uk for further support.

Process for appointing foundation governors / directors

1. We ask that your school appoints a Nominated Person (either the Clerk to Governors or perhaps, someone in the School Office) who will administer this process.
2. The Nominated Person should download the suite of forms [available at [Link to website](#)] and personalise them to the school, including the email address of the nominated person.
3. The Nominated Person will send the application to and receive the application from the applicant.
4. The Nominated Person will seek the references and the DBS certification. (Note: the parish priest may wish to return the reference directly to the diocese; if they wish to do this, they have been asked to let the nominated person know).
5. When all references and Clearances are available, the Nominated Person will upload all documents to the Diocese using this secure link at : [Link to website](#) A receipt will be sent to the Nominated Person and the Applicant on submission.
6. The Diocese will determine the complete application within 21 days, either with a letter and deed of appointment, or other communication.

If you have any questions about how the system will work or difficulty in downloading the materials, please contact Mike Pittendreigh (mikep@rcdow.org.uk) Other, more general, governors queries should continue to be addressed to Carol Campbell (governors@rcdow.org.uk)

Mental Health Update – Transitions

Anna Freud Centre/ Mentally Healthy Schools

[Click Here](#) (Managing unexpected endings and transitions - A practical guide to support pupils and students to manage change during periods of disruption)

[Click here](#) Primary School Transition Toolkit

[Click here](#) Secondary School Transition Toolkit

[Click Here](#) (A range of advice for parents, carers and education professionals, from the Anna Freud Centre, supporting children through times of transition)

Young Minds [Click Here](#) (Top tips for parents and carers on helping their child through times of difficulty and change.) [\(Click here to download the top tips poster\)](#)

Other resources from Young Minds to support children in times of transition:

[Click Here](#) (Find Your Feet – transitioning to secondary school)

[Click Here](#) (Find Your Feet – Tips for parents)

[Click Here](#) (Find Your Feet – Transition Activity for Year 6 Pupils)

[Click Here](#) (Find Your Feet – Transition Activity for Year 7 Pupils)[Click Here](#) (Find Your Feet – Transition Tips for Pupils with SEND)

[Click Here](#) (Preparing your children for the Summer Holidays)

[Click Here](#) (Ten ways to celebrate the year)

[Click Here](#) (Celebrating Achievements)

Foundation for People with Learning Difficulties [Click Here](#) (Moving On - Top Tips on moving to secondary school for pupils with SEND) and [Click Here](#) for a guide for parents.

Place2Be [Click Here](#) (Advice for parents and carers in supporting their child on moving to a new school.)

Partnerships for children [Click Here](#) (A range of activities for parents to help their children explore their emotions during times of change and loss.)

Early Education - [Click Here](#) (An article with advice for parents and carers of young children on how to support them during times of change.)

Caritas Update

Healthy Start Vouchers

Healthy Start is a government scheme offering low-income pregnant women, pregnant women under the age of 18 and children aged 1-4 years old a voucher per week to purchase fruit and vegetables, pulses, milk or infant formula, as well as vitamins. Since April 2021 the voucher has increased to £4.25 a week.

Take up of Healthy Start vouchers can be as low as 55%, with many families missing out. Schools are encouraged to support eligible families to apply. You can [find the criteria of who can apply here](#) and [how to apply here](#).

Healthy Start was not available to those without settled immigration status and with no recourse to public funds. However, a recent court case has led to the scheme being extended to children who were previously excluded because of their parents' immigration status. If you have families at your school with children under 4, no recourse to public funds, and take home pay of less than £408 a month please encourage them to email the Department for Health and Social Care on Healthystartclaim@dhsc.gov.uk stating that they believe they qualify for Healthy Start.

Diocese of Westminster Social Action Awards 2020/21

Congratulations to the following members of staff and wider school community who received School Social Outreach Award Certificates for making a difference to those in need thanks to their outstanding commitment and contribution as volunteers at their school:

Pupils and Staff of **Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Ealing**

Ilira Heath and Food Bank Team, **St Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Neasden**

The School Community of **St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School, Hatfield**

Tracy Jennings & Group of TAs , **St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School, Bethnal Green**

Susan Grace, **Newman Catholic College, Harlesden**

The Douay Martyrs Chaplaincy Leadership Team for the Common Good, **The Douay Martyrs Secondary Catholic School, Ickenham**

The panel, which included Bishop Paul McAleenan who attended the Award Ceremony hosted by **Caritas Westminster**, was impressed by the quality and amount of social outreach during the pandemic at all these schools.

They declared as overall category winners:

Primary School Winner - The School Community of St Philip Howard Primary School;

Secondary School Winner - Susan Grace, Newman Catholic College.

A blog post, including Cardinal Vincent Nichol's message to volunteers, can be found [here](#).

Ongoing Caritas Support

Caritas Development Workers will help Schools and Parishes in the following ways and more:-

- Apply for **Caritas Crisis or Funeral Grants** on behalf of someone who is struggling
- Issue **Supermarket Vouchers**, or help to source food via the Caritas Food Collective
- Link to other social action groups/ local charities known to us for referrals, advice or best practice sharing. Networking of Food, Homeless & Migrant and Refugee Projects.
- Discern how to respond to the needs of the community through **Catholic Social Teaching** ([Caritas Ambassador Programme](#), [Love in Action](#) and [The Why](#))
- The set-up or development of any social outreach, including our new [Road to Resilience](#) set of resources – helping people after the pandemic
- With **listening** exercises, **community organising** or a **social justice** response

To access this support, please contact your local Caritas Development Worker directly or email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Welcoming Migrants and Refugees

Caritas Westminster currently hosts the **Diocese of Westminster Network for those who Welcome Migrants and Refugees**. Our aim is to influence policy change and unite people to take action to welcome all our brothers and sisters.

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) have shared their new Report: [Being Human in the Asylum System](#). This has been written, based on our Catholic Social Teaching values, in response to the government's recent consultation on their New Plan for Immigration, and in anticipation of new legislation being put through parliament. If you are interested to add your voice to our campaign please email Meriel on merielwoodward@rcdow.org.uk

No Recourse to Public Funds: Please find a **fact sheet on how you can help** those with NRPF see [here](#).

Deadline for EU Citizens 30th June 2021

The following has been developed by the Roma Support Group, a Caritas Westminster partner:

The deadline is approaching for EU Citizens to secure their immigration status

EU citizens living in the UK have until 30 June 2021 to ensure their immigration status is secured. This can be done through the EU Settlement Scheme. So far over 4.3 million people have been granted status through the scheme. This includes over 700k applications received from children. According to the Migration Observatory, there are over 900k EU children living in the UK.

With only days left to go until the deadline we need to make sure that parents are aware of the need for their children to make applications as well. Parents are advised that it is worth checking if children qualify for British citizenship before attempting to make EUSS applications. Those who have British citizenship and those with Indefinite Leave to Remain do not have to apply.

Further information on EU Settlement Scheme is available, in all EU languages, here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/settled-status-for-eu-citizens-and-their-families-translations>

Children friendly EUSS materials are available here: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/campaigns/eu-settlement-scheme/>

EUSS support is available through the Home Office postcode checker tool here: <https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme>

We are particularly worried for children of Roma families. Should your school have Roma children, this resource developed by **Roma Support Group** may help:

Video: reminder of the deadline (in Romanes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=606yishEKLO&t=12s>

Video: Aluna's message regarding the EU Settlement Scheme (in English): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mo6cNZYhSsk&t=1s>

Checklist for applying to the EU Settlement Scheme In many cases, signposting will not be enough – you should ensure that children get help to apply and know how to manage their digital status are they are granted an EUSS status.

1. Establish whether children are eligible: either they lived here by 31/12/2020 or have EU/EEA citizen parents with an EUSS status (see below for guidance)
2. Support families to establish whether their children qualify for British citizenship (see below)
3. Gather the relevant documents including valid ID, proof of 5 years' continuous residence, proof of living in the UK before 31/12/2020
4. Help the child to apply online or make a paper application, linking the child's application to their parent's where relevant
5. Support the child or family to manage their status are applying and make sure they know about any further deadlines:
 - If they are granted pre-settled status, they will need to reapply for settled status within 5 years.
 - If they get a new passport or email address, they will have to link these to the EUSS account.

Pre-settled status is a temporary immigration status, associated with fewer rights than settled status. Pre-settled status holders have to reapply for settled status within five years or risk losing their legal status altogether.

Where possible, ensure that children get settled status rather than pre-settled status at the outset.

The government has indicated that they will accept late applications where there is an underlying reason for delay. This will be lenient in the early stages. There will be a government announcement on this later this week.

Ending Homelessness

The full recording of the second **Diocese of Westminster Homeless Network Event** is [here](#). It is titled 'Living and responding to those with lived experience of Homelessness'. Hear from Kerri Douglas, an author and blogger and survivor of homelessness and Jon Kuhrt who is the Specialist Rough Sleeping Advisor to MHCLG. Watch and share to inspire others how to respond to those experiencing homelessness in your parish. The link to Kerri Douglas' book Gutter to Glory is [here](#). If you want to order in bulk, please let me know. The next homeless networking meeting is 26th August 3:30-5pm. Save the date/ pre-register [HERE](#)

Looking for Accommodation:

Homeless projects are always looking for suitable move-on accommodation. If you are aware of any HMO property anywhere in the Diocese, please let me know.

In particular, Lazarus, one of our network projects is looking for an **8+ bed accommodation** in the Diocese outside of Central London. They would be interested to work with local homeless partners on a new move-on solution.

Appeal for Men's Clothes and Toiletries: Please include in newsletters:

The Homeless Donation Hub at St James's Spanish Place is looking for donations for the homeless rehoused in the hotels and hostels:

Donation Hub location: St James's Spanish Place, 22 George Street, Marylebone, London W1U 3QY

Items we can accept: Men's clothes and shoes (no women or children's clothes please), Toiletries for men and women – only unopened items please

Entertainment items e.g. books – fact or fiction/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items, appropriate for the homeless community e.g. No recipe books

Opening times for receiving donations: Monday or Thursday 6 – 8pm

Please contact Kate MacKenzie on companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk if you would like to deliver some donations.

SPEC Update



Looking for a volunteering opportunity to complete your **Gold** Duke of Edinburgh Award?

Volunteer Programme

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Our Mission

Helping young people pursue the true, the good and the beautiful found in Christ, because each of us is made for greatness.

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Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a team of committed practicing Catholics between the ages of 18 and 25 to help us run retreats at our centre in Pinner.

Why join us?

If you are looking to grow in your faith and meet other young Catholics, joining our volunteer team is a great place to start.

What can we offer you?

- A monthly spiritual and professional formation programme
- Youth ministry work experience
- Mentorship opportunities
- Faith-based retreats and days of recollection
- Catholic networking
- Certificate of Youth Ministry Formation Programme signed by Bishop Nicholas



What is the Commitment?

Serve

Volunteers commit to helping twice per month at our retreat centre in Pinner. The precise dates can be flexible with your schedule and are agreed in advance.

Grow

The cohort take part in a monthly online formation session that fosters both their spiritual and professional growth. There will also be initial training at the end of August (also via Zoom).

Pray

We ask that you commit to praying on a weekly basis for our mission. There will also be opportunities to join together in prayer as a community.

Give

Volunteers commit to supporting SPEC's mission financially by giving at a rate of between £5 and £15 per month. By offering up just two coffees a month, you are helping us to bring the gospel to young people in the Diocese.

Contact ruthwarner@rcdow.org.uk for more info | Waxwell House, 125 Waxwell Lane, London, Pinner, HA5 3EP

**“At SPEC, I learnt
that even though
you are young,
you can still
be a disciple.**

Year 5 Student



TESTIMONIES

**The retreat helped me to understand
the value of prayer and the sacraments.**

Confirmation Candidate

**I enjoyed hearing stories of how faith has
helped in different people's lives.**

Year 10 Student

**Thank you for facilitating a wonderful retreat day for us
yesterday. Father was already receiving positive feedback
from some of the young people before he had even left the SPEC site!**

Catechist