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Spring Term
Issue 1

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

Spring Term 2022 CPD programme

Please find a link to the full programme on our website [here](#). You will find an interactive PDF you can download and use to make bookings via our course booking site

Please direct any queries to Linette Blackmore, Events Coordinator eduemc@rcdow.org.uk

Upcoming CPD – Online Courses January 2022

Date/Time	Course	Booking Links
Thursday 13 th January: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Spirituality Online Course	Booking Link
Monday 17 th January: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Music in RE Online Course	Booking Link
Tuesday 18 th January: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Diversifying, decolonising and inclusivising the curriculum: Online Course	Booking Link
Wednesday 19 th January: 5.00pm to 7.00pm	Diocesan Inspection for Governors Online Course	Booking Link
Thursday 20 th January: 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Catholic Schools Inspection: Introduction to New Framework Online Course	Booking Link
Tuesday 25 th January: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Creativity in RE Online Course	Booking Link
Wednesday 26 th January: 4.00pm to 5.00pm	ECT Session 3: Structuring and Delivering Effective RE Lessons Online Course	Booking Link
Thursday 27 th January: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Pupil Mental Health and Well-Being Online Course	Booking Link
Monday 31 st January: 9.30pm to 3.00pm	Preparation for Diocesan Inspection Online Course	Booking Link
Monday 31 st January: 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Admissions Appeals Online Course	Booking Link

(Please click on the ticket link to book)

Foundation Stones Course - January 2022

Foundation Stones course will begin in January 2022 and will run over two terms. If you are interested in that course please click [here](#)

CCRS

In the CES Census return, some schools have recorded a low number of staff with CCRS or they have recorded that TAs are teaching RE lessons. The CCRS may be able to help you upskill staff for the important role of teaching RE. It will give them a basic theological knowledge and is suitable for all staff. We are a supportive and encouraging learning community.

We hope to start a new group in February, online, on a weekday, 4-6pm, Wednesday (TBC)

Please contact Margaret Hanley ccrs@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested in joining, have any questions or just want to know more about what is involved.

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: January

Intention for evangelisation – **For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PRAYER INTENTIONS (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Christian Unity (Octave or prayer for Christian unity in January)	GREEN
Peace on Earth (Peace Day – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
Victims of Human Trafficking (Feast of St Josephine Bakhita)	
Sick and Those Who Care For Them (World day of the Sick – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)	
Europe (Feast of Ss Cyril and Methodius)	
Racial Justice (Racial Justice day - 3 Sundays before Lent)	
Unemployed (Day for the unemployed – Sunday before Lent)	

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary, Mother of God (1st) Most Holy Name of Jesus (3rd) Epiphany (6th) Baptism of Our Lord St Anthony (17th) St Agnes (21st) St Francis de Sales; Our Lady of Peace (24th) Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (25th) Ss Timothy and Titus (26th) St Thomas Aquinas (28th) St John Bosco (31st) 	January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Braille Day (4th) International Day of Education (24th) World Leprosy Day/Hansen's Disease (26th) International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust and Genocide (27th) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th Jan)

The season of Christmas has ended and it is now ordinary time again. During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers. We also pray for the intentions above in green at any time but especially on their special days. For more information and prayers for this season and the special days listed above see the Liturgy Office [HERE](#). Dates for this liturgical year from the Liturgy Office can be found [HERE](#)

A New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord, please give me...
 A few friends who understand me and yet remain my friends
 A work to do which has real value, without which the world would feel poorer...
 A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed
 An understanding heart... a sense of humour.
 Time for quiet, silent meditation.
 A feeling of the presence of God
 And the patience to wait for the coming of these things
 With the wisdom to know when they come.

(WR Hurst)



Synodal Pathway in Westminster

Just a reminder of how your school communities can share in and contribute to this opportunity. Deadline for submission is 21st January 2022.

Resources:

- **Pastoral Letter** introducing the Synodal Pathway in Westminster - [here](#)
- **Powerpoint** for Schools –please feel free to amend to make age appropriate and right for your school context - [here](#)
- Slide 3 includes links to further documentation and introductory videos but please also check the **diocesan website** as it contains a wealth of information - [here](#)
- Synod **Jamboard** (converted from powerpoint that you can edit and download as a pdf to capture feedback). If you would like a copy of the jamboard – please email amandacrowley@rcdow.org.uk and request a jamboard for your school and a version will be created for you and sent to you directly.
- Please find [here](#) the link to a **short video** produced by the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust to encourage pupils to participate in the Synodal Journey. We are very grateful to the Trust and to Deacon Liam Lynch for producing the video and for generously sharing with other schools.



Important Dates to note:

- Online listening event for **Headteachers on 9th December 2-4pm** – if Heads cannot attend themselves they are encouraged to please send an appropriate representative of the school community if at all possible.
- **Cathedral gathering event** with Cardinal Nichols, Auxiliary Bishops and members of the Synod Facilitation Team on **February 19th** (time to be confirmed).

The God Who Speaks

Whilst 'The Year of the Word: The God Who Speaks' has come to an end, at their last Plenary, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales agreed to continue with 'The God who Speaks' initiative; hence the 'Year of the Word' phrase is now defunct but 'The God Who Speaks' continues to exist. Click [here](#) to visit the website.

- Find [here](#) our January Focus is on Bible Resolutions
- Our Bible Resolutions are [here](#)
- Sunday of the Word of God resources for 23rd January are [here](#)
- Canon Pat Hartnett looks at Life to the Full: Active Participation in the Liturgy [here](#)
- We've created handy charts of Bible phrases in the Mass [here](#)
- Here's our top Bible translations for all ages [here](#)
- Between the Testaments: Take a dazzling look at the book of Revelation in Clothed in White Robes by Fr Michael Hall [here](#)
- Our Final and 10th Creation Commandment completes this superb series by Fr Michael Hall - Know that your freedom has limits can be found [here](#)
- Art & Culture: We've collated all our Women in Scripture Art reflections [here](#)

God Who Speaks Scripture Festival - Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th February 2022

The Agency for Evangelisation would like to invite a group from your school to attend the Scripture Festival at St Albans Cathedral on either 3rd or 4th February 2022. Alongside the general activities at the Scripture Festival Westminster Youth Ministry Team will be leading an assembly with Rise Theatre or Open the Book for all young pilgrims attending.

They are offering workshops for **primary and secondary school students** including the Timeline of Creation by [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#), who will use the whole isle of the Nave to take groups through the wonder of God's creation. If you have a school choir who are interested in Gospel Music, on Friday morning we have [Hermione Thomas](#) leading a workshop that will enable the students to lead the music at the midday Mass at St Albans Cathedral. For more information about what is on offer to schools please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/for-schools/> or to book a group: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SchoolsGWS>

Workshop for Chaplains and RE Leads

[Open the Book](#) is a wonderful initiative that trains volunteers to help primary school children engage with Bible Stories. They are offering a free workshop for School Chaplains and RE Leads at 3pm - 4pm on Friday 4th February so you can find out what they offer and how Open the Book can work with your school. They are particularly interested in training parents and year 10 and 11 students to lead assemblies for primary schools. Tea and cake are also on offer to all who attend. To book please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/225360367927>

Inviting Families - School Newsletter Insert, Image and Poster

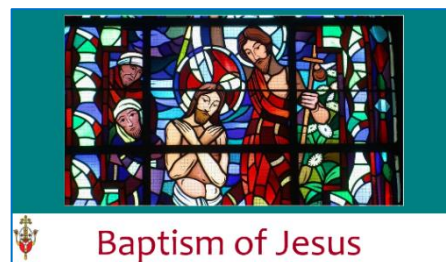
It would be great to welcome your families to The Scripture Festival. To help schools publicise this please find an image [here](#) and a paragraph [here](#) to include in your school newsletter. You can also find a poster [here](#) that can be displayed in your entrance.

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Clare, Key Stage 2, St Vincent's Catholic Primary, Westminster who won our Christmas card competition. Her work as well as all of the other artwork can be found on our website [HERE](#) so that it can be shared with the rest of your community.

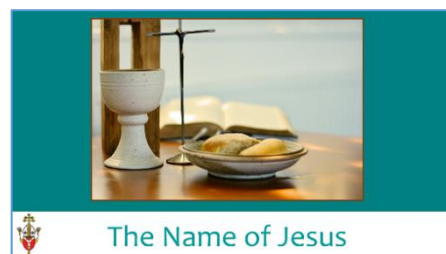
The Christmas Season and Ordinary Time

The **Epiphany** (the 12th day of Christmas) is celebrated on **6th January**. The Sunday afterwards, the **Baptism of Our Lord** is celebrated. This marks the end of the Christmas season when green is used instead of white. The **Presentation of the Lord** (also known as Candlemas) is then celebrated on **2nd February** and marks the end of 40 days of Christmas. These special days are feasts of the *manifestation* of Our Lord. PowerPoints have been created on the **Baptism of Our Lord** for key stages one and two and can be found on our website. Click [here](#)

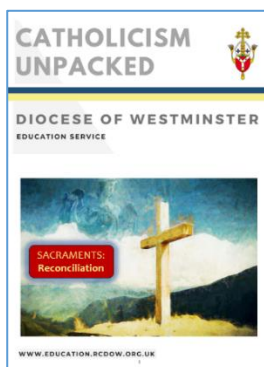


January – the month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

This month is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. For a PowerPoint on this to support prayer and liturgy see [here](#). A supporting document on this which explains the Basics of the Faith can be found in the Catholicism Unpacked series [here](#).



Catholicism Unpacked – Updates

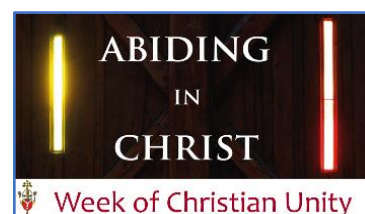


Documents to support with understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation have already been created and we are excited to be able to let you know about our new addition on Reconciliation which will be shared with you shortly. We also hope to create one on the Eucharist as well as Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity sometime this year.

All of our resources can be found [HERE](#).

Week of Christian Unity – 18th - 25th January

We have created a PowerPoint based on this resource. It includes an Act of Worship for five days and is suitable for pupils aged 9+. Each day includes a different prayer, a piece of Scripture and reflection as well as a mission. It ends with a focus on the Word of God as this is the theme for the following Sunday. More resources will be sent to support with this. For the PowerPoint, see [here](#).



Peace Sunday (Pax Christi)– 16th January 2022

Loving God of peace,

Strengthen my determination to work for a world of peace and justice;

My conviction that, whatever our nationality or race, we are all global citizens, one in Christ;

My courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the gospel;

My commitment to find nonviolent ways of resolving conflict—personal, local, national and international;

My efforts to forgive injuries and to love those I find it hard to love.

Amen

‘Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy. Not war.’ (*Pope Francis*)

Click here for: [Pax Christi Prayer Card](#)

For more information and resources on Peace Sunday see PaxChristi.org.uk

The Bishops’ Conference has more information [HERE](#)

Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is on 27 January, and there are lots of free resources online to help teachers lead assemblies, activities or lessons with students. New this year are lesson plans about the *Kindertransport* and a flexible set of worksheets called ‘Days to remember’, which provides an introduction to different genocides through one day, one person and one artefact. You can find all the school materials at www.hmd.org.uk/schools.

Marking HMD helps your students to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, more recent genocides and contemporary issues. They will increase their knowledge, empathy and desire to take part in social action. This is especially important at a time when hate crime, extremist views, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hate are on the rise. Contact the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Education Officer today for help and support and to get started: education@hmd.org.uk.

Thames Festival Trust – River of Hope

River of Hope is an arts-based learning project linking schools around the world through the study of rivers. In 2022, River of Hope forms a central part of The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Queen has always shown a great love and respect for the natural environment. We hope that this project will encourage young people around the world to think about the importance of safeguarding the future of their own natural environment.

Interested schools will receive packs which encourage the use art to teach environmental themes. The packs provided take teachers through a step-by-step guide to creating an imaginative piece of artwork, with their students, using art and design skills and utilising either natural or recycled materials, while encouraging young people to think about their hopes and aspirations for the next 70 years. Two hundred of the artworks created will be printed onto silk flags and will be processed as part of The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Pageant. In addition, an online gallery will be created to display all the artworks received from around the world. To register your interest, click [here](#)

The Tablet Offer for Catholic Schools

The International Catholic News Weekly, **The Tablet** have launched a great scheme for Catholic schools. They are generously offering a free weekly copy of **The Tablet** to Catholic schools. This is a great resource for both staff and students to engage with news and analysis of events worldwide. Articles are ideal for use with students studying GCSE or A Level RE. As well as religious news from the UK and abroad, each week sees a number of features and comment. You can see more details of the content of The Tablet at www.thetablet.co.uk.

To secure your weekly copy email the CEO of The Tablet, Amanda Davison-Young at adyoung@thetablet.co.uk. A number of schools have already signed up. The free offer is worth over £100, don't miss out.

Inspection Update

Inspection Suspension

We are well aware of the significant impact the ongoing pandemic is having on all schools, and that this is going to be another difficult term for school leaders and teachers. As a consequence, the Inspection Committee has discussed at length how best to proceed with diocesan inspection at the start of this term. While there has been no change to regulation and the DfE believe the current spike of infections will be of relatively short duration, it is foreseen that it could lead to high staff absences in some schools in the short term. With that in mind, we have decided to suspend inspections for the next few weeks. **The intention is to resume inspections the week beginning 24th January 2022**, whilst providing schools with the option to request a deferral, should they be experiencing high levels of staff absence due to Covid. We will keep this date under review and I will continue to keep you informed via email and the Bulletin.

Information Sessions on the New National Framework

Two information sessions on the new National Framework will be available to senior leaders and RE subject leaders on 12th and 20th January 2022. The intention is to provide an overview of the new Framework whilst highlighting how it differs from the existing one. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Please note that you must register in advance for these sessions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please click [here](#) to register for 12th January 2022.

Please click [here](#) to register for 20th January 2022

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update

Prayer for Racial Justice

Father, you created each one of us in your own image.
Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity.
This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear.
Give us the patience to build on what unites us,
to celebrate our differences and to learn from them.
Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church,
beyond the walls of a building,
reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.
Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need,
to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.
Help us to see that you created us in your image.
Neighbour or stranger, always our brother or sister.

(Yashoda Sutcliffe, CARJ)

Next RJED Talk – 18th January

Don't miss the next RJED talk on Diversifying, decolonising and inclusivising the curriculum by Professor Paul Miller on 18th January 2022 3:30-5pm. This is for teachers, leaders, governors, parents, clergy and members of diocesan departments (in Westminster and beyond). These talks have been extremely popular and the feedback has been very positive indeed. [Book here.](#)



Racial Justice Sunday

This will be celebrated on **13th February** as the date changes each year. It is one of our diocesan priorities again this year to work for racial justice and equality. Last year we invited schools to design Racial Justice Prayer Cards and these can be found [HERE](#).

Diocesan Song Competition

This year, we would like to invite your pupils to compose a song on the theme of racial justice, equality and diversity which we can then share on our website. This is open to pupils of all ages and can be done by individuals or groups of any size. Songs can be sung, said or silent as some pupils may be shy in performing and tunes can be known or composed by pupils also. All are welcome. Please send all entries to elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk by **Friday 25th March 2022**. If there are images of the pupils, please make sure that each pupil has recorded permission for this to be shared on our website. Some examples of songs composed by pupils are as follows:

[Million Dreams by St Catherine of Siena's](#)
[Where is God? by Archie](#)
[God is Everywhere by Abrielle](#)



Video on Racial Justice

Last year, Fr Albert created a video for you to share with your pupils. This year, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be making one for us so that you can share with your school and parish community. We will share this with you as soon as it is available to us.

Theme: Imagery in our Church

This year the theme will be *Imagery in our Church* and we will be signposting you to videos, resources and information to support this. We have already started to work on this through our Christmas card competition and the diversity and inclusiveness of artwork in our materials including Catholicism Unpacked. However, we know there is still a long way to go. Should you have any artwork/imagery/statues that you have found effective in your school or if your pupils have been involved in any initiatives or artwork, please share your successes and creations with us.

Some diverse Christian images based on scripture are recommended below.

Picturing Jesus - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781905893195>

Picturing Easter - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781905893041>

Picturing Christianity - <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/9781910261057>

Picturing Jesus - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Picturing-Jesus-Pack-Latimer-Blaylock/dp/1904024440>

See 8 collective worship ideas featuring diverse representations of Christ (free):

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/schools/school-leaders/collective-worship/>

Pentecost 2022

Last year, we celebrated diversity during our online Pentecost liturgy. This year, we are planning to have an in-person liturgy in Westminster Cathedral so we will inform you of the details in due course. It is hoped that the winning song will be sung at this liturgy and that some images on this year's Racial Justice theme will be shared at this event.



RJED Working Party

Our working party continues to meet each half term to move forward with this. At our next Regional Hub meetings on the week of 24th January we will share with you our work on creating an RJED policy for your school. This year we also aim to support teachers further through a Catholicism Unpacked: RJED document as well as a diocesan RJED Strategy which can be shared with parents and governors. A page on our website will soon be dedicated to RJED where we hope to share successful initiatives and pupils' work. If you have anything that you feel would be worth sharing on our website or in our bulletin, please email claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk and elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk.

Diocesan Racial Justice Equality and Diversity CPD Programme 2022

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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

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

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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

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

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Governance Update

Senior Appointments

Governors are reminded that the Diocese need to be involved in the appointment of senior leaders in the school (the “restricted posts”). We aim to provide you with all the support you need, especially as making these appointments can be a new experience for many Governing Body.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are starting this process. Especially during this term, diaries can be tight and we need to make sure that the right people are available to help you.

Please email me on catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk and I can send you the Diocese guide to making these appointments.

Courses for Governors in the Spring term

There are many courses available this term, and Governors are always invited to attend any of them which they feel are relevant. There is an excellent programme running over the year on Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity with sessions this term on **Diversifying, decolonising and inclusivising the curriculum** 18th January 2022 3:30-5pm and **Rethinking the Curriculum: Schools Workshop** - 22nd February 3:30-5pm which may well fit in with the priorities of many of our schools.

In addition to this, there are specific courses for governors on **The New Inspection Framework** 19th January 2022 5pm-7pm, **Admissions Appeals** 1st February 2022 6pm-7pm and **Employment Procedures** 2nd February 2022 6pm-7pm.

Induction sessions for new Chairs of Governors and new Foundation Governors take place after half term but bookings are already open.

Booking for all these courses can be made through the site [here](#).

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 [here](#)] 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 [here](#). 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 Carol Campbell (governors@rcdow.org.uk)

Mental Health Update

Building Healthy Habits in 2022

With the start of the new year, there will be lots of talk about new year's resolutions. Whether it's taking up a new hobby, getting fit or eating healthier, our resolutions can often start off strong but may become difficult to sustain as the year goes on.

The resource links aim to provide you and your pupils with the help to develop healthy habits around mental health and wellbeing that you can continue all year long. These tools and activities are full of simple wellbeing strategies that will help develop good mental health habits in both children and adults – for a happier, healthier 2022.

Mentally Healthy Schools – Primary New Year Toolkit: [Click here](#)
Secondary New Year Toolkit: [Click here](#)

Young Minds – Guides and advice on mental health and wellbeing for young people [Click here](#)

NHS UK – Every Mind Matters: [Click here](#)

Mental Health Foundation – Make it count guide for parents and carers: [Click here](#)

NSPCC – Promoting mental health and wellbeing: [Click here](#)

MIND – Looking after your wellbeing for young people: [Click here](#)

The Clay Centre for Young Healthy Minds – 11 Self-Care Tips for Teens and Young Adults: [Click here](#)

Very Well Family – How to Improve Your Child's Mental Health [Click here](#)

Capital and PPP Update

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Statlog – Statutory Compliance

Compliance Overview



Site Manager Tests

1489 / 1969 Test Assets Compliant

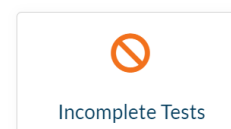
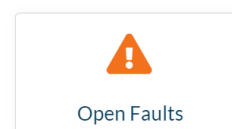
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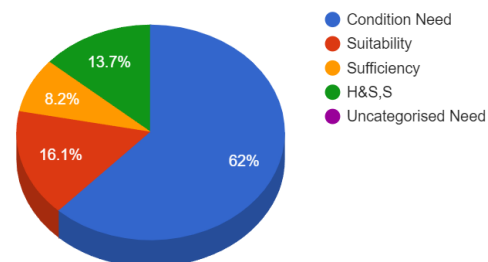
Diocesan consultants continue to engage with schools to complete the Statutory Compliance setup process. Since the last report in December 2021, a further 8 schools have completed the setup process for Site Managers and 5 Schools for External Contractors. We are now managing almost 2000 required local tests.

Statlog – Condition Surveys

Capital Asset Need

Condition Need	£141,102,122
Suitability	£36,674,444
Sufficiency	£18,775,001
Health, Safety & Safeguarding	£31,146,319

Includes data from 153 completed surveys. 3 surveys are in progress.



Total Need: **£227,697,886.43**

156 surveys are complete or nearing completion. Consultants have a further 13 surveys to complete and then every licenced school will have an up-to-date Statlog Survey.

Project Manager Lite (PML)

Colleagues continue to grow in confidence using this Statlog Module. Training opportunities will be offered this year for both new and experienced users.

Please remember that every piece of Capital Work, with a nett cost in excess of £2,000.00, must be processed using Statlog.

On 4th January 2022, all of the uncommitted VASCA that had been notionally allocated to individual schools as part of the Matched Funding Initiative was withdrawn. Thank you to those schools that did engage with the initiative and benefitted from the additional investment in their schools. The Capital Strategy Committee will explore options for further initiatives in due course.

If you need support with Statlog, please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk (07738183828) or helpdesk@statlog.co.uk (03331123133)

For full transparency and audit purposes, all elements of the Statlog Process must be recorded electronically. If a contractor fails to provide their quotation in the required format, their submission cannot be accepted. Please work with contractors and help them to understand our requirements and/or contact the above for assistance.

Priority School Building Programme

Project managers continue to monitor the progress of schools in this scheme.

Pupil Placement Planning

1st Planner Project

The 1st Planner team is currently completing targeted reports for every school. These will be issued shortly. We expect to share a draft with Heads, Chairs and SBMs at the upcoming briefing meetings.

Once all of the reports have been issued, there will be opportunities for clusters of schools and academies to meet with 1st Planner to review local data and consider options for the future.

Discussions with potential external partners is progressing well. Visits to certain sites will take place over the next few months. Site visits may indicate a degree of interest from external partners but should not be taken as a guarantee of investment. If partners are interested and the Diocesan Trustees are confident that the project will be self-funding, we will be actively engaging with Head teachers and Governors/Directors as appropriate.

Decarbonisation

Salix – Heat Decarbonisation Plans

Visits to Schools are progressing on schedule. Completing the reports in the allotted time is challenging and your assistance is greatly appreciated. We are in regular communication with Salix as part of their monitoring and assurance process.

Colleagues from Zeco will continue to engage with the shortlisted schools and provide support where necessary. If you need any further information about this initiative, please email nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk.

Other Approved Initiatives

Condition Data Collection (CDC)

The Government has commenced the latest round of its Condition Data Collection process. It is a quinquennial programme and this round builds on the two that preceded it. Schools will be contacted by surveyors appointed by the Government. This process is monitored by the Education Service, but we do not normally attend any of the engagement sessions. The surveyors are expected to contact you in advance of any proposed site visit. Please contact nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk if you have any questions about this process. If we receive advanced notification of a block of visits, we will publish that list in the bulletin.

Insurance Validation

The Catholic Insurance Service and Zurich have commissioned an audit and appraisal of schools insured via the CIS. The Diocesan Trustees are paying for this initiative and targeted schools will be approached by a company called Charterfields. If your school is targeted during this initiative, please supply Charterfields with the data and access they required.