



WITNESS

to the word



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Spring Term
Issue 4

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 February 2022

Date/Time	Course	Booking Links
Friday 11 th March: 9.30am to 3.30pm	Course Title: Accompaniment Training Course Delivery: In Person Target Audience: Secondary Head and Chaplains	Booking Link
Monday 14 th March: 3.00pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: RSE Sharing of Practice (Secondary) Delivery: Online Course Re: RSE Leads in Secondary	Booking Link
Tuesday 15 th March: 3.00pm to 5.00pm:	Course Title: RSE Sharing of Practice (Primary) Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: RSE Leads in Primary	Booking Link
Tuesday 15 th March: 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Poetry in RE Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary Staff	Booking Link
Tuesday 22 nd March 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: ART in RE Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary Staff	Booking Link
Thursday 24 th March 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: Primary Anti-Racist RE Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: Primary Staff	Booking Link
Friday 25 th March 3.30pm to 5.00pm	Course Title: RSE and SEND Delivery: Online Course Target Audience: RSE Leads in Primary and Secondary	Booking Link
29 th April 9.00am to 12.00pm	REC Online Conference Part 2	Booking Link

(Please click on the ticket link to book)

CCRS

Teachers, Teaching Assistants and aspiring Senior Leaders:

We are now accepting registration forms and expressions of interest, for a new group starting in September. It will run online on Mondays, 4-6pm.

The group running on a Wednesday is now over-subscribed but there is a group running on a Saturday 10 -4pm, which has a couple of places available, if people want to make a start before September.

Check the RCDOW Education website for more information under "courses and events", where you will find the CCRS section. All questions welcome, so do get in touch with Margaret Hanley at ccrs@rcdow.org.uk

RE and Catholic Life Resources

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: March

Intention for evangelisation – For A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

PRAYER INTENTIONS (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Penitents and Wanderers	PURPLE
The Needy and Hungry of the World Especially on Lent Fast day (Friday after 1 st Sunday of Lent)	
Candidates for the Sacraments Especially on the Sundays in Lent	
Women Especially on Women's World day of Prayer (1 st Friday in March)	
Survivors of Sexual Abuse Friday 26 March (Friday 5th week of Lent)	

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Frances of Rome (9th) • St Patrick (17th) • St Cyril of Jerusalem (18th) • St Joseph (19th) • Annunciation (25th) 	March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int Women's Day (8th) • International Day of Happiness; French Language Day (20th) • International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21st) • World Poetry Day (21st) • International Day of Forests (21st) • World Water Day (22nd) • World Meteorological Day (23rd) • Remembrance of Victims of Slavery Day (23rd) • Mother's Day (27th)

Lent

The Liturgy Office has the official liturgical calendar for each year and more information about Lent liturgies [HERE](#).

Ukraine

We are very conscious that many of you may have children and families who are from Ukraine or that have relatives or friends in Ukraine within your school communities. Children may be raising questions about the conflict and BBC Newsround have provided this link with advice for those, particularly children who may be upset by this very concerning and sad news. See [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

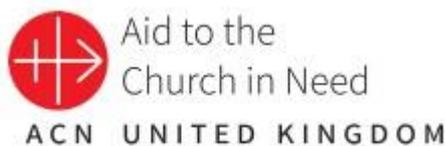


The Cardinal has issued a statement, in which he asks for prayers for Ukraine. The statement is available here: [Cardinal appeals for prayers for Ukraine](#)

The Education Team has also created a Prayer for Ukraine presentation for you to use with pupils, staff and your school communities to encourage prayers to be offered for those who have been impacted as a result of this conflict and to bring a swift resolution and lasting peace. See [HERE](#).

Pope Francis asked for Ash Wednesday to be a day of fasting and prayer for peace and for the people of Ukraine. Use CAFOD's prayer slides in assemblies and in class to help your students to hold the Ukrainian people in prayer: [Schools prayer for Ukraine | CAFOD](#)

For some prayers see: [A prayer for Ukraine | CAFOD](#)



Aid to the Church in Need has been supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine since the 1980s. Since then they have been providing help for priests, students who are training to become priests, known as seminarians, as well as religious Sisters and those who teach the faith.

They have recognized there is a need for resources for our young people to use in school or at home, to help them to understand a little of what is going on in Ukraine, as well as leading them into prayer and to do something to fundraise if they wish. We hope the following resources help your students to understand, as well as providing an opportunity for prayer.

ACN have updated their website with support materials for schools: [Aid to the Church in Need | Prayer & Fasting for Ukraine \(Primary\) \(acnuk.org\)](#)



Please also find resources in our bulletin [here](#) from Caritas outlining how schools can respond to the crisis in Ukraine.

Synodal Pathway

Thank you for your continued support for the Synodal Pathway. We hope that those of you who were able to attend the Pre-Synodal Assembly on 19th February at Westminster Cathedral found the day rewarding. We have received many positive comments.

We are pleased to be able to point you to the summaries of the day: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

Pre-synodal diocesan gathering <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/pre-synodal-diocesan-gathering/>

Feedback from Synodal Listening Sessions <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/feedback-from-synodal-listening-sessions/>

Synodal Gathering Summation <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/addresses/synodal-gathering-summation/>

Cardinal's Homily for the Synodal Gathering <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/synodal-gathering/>

Mark 10 Mission

The Little Liturgy series for younger pupils is now available on their website.

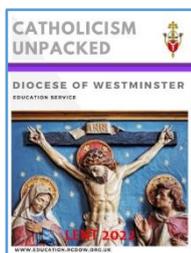
For this week's liturgy and others see [here](#)



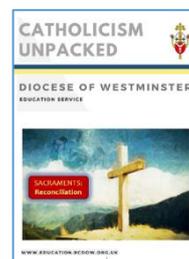
SACRE meeting – 22nd March from 6-7:15pm

All Catholic representatives are welcome to attend our second meeting for Catholic SACRE members on **Tuesday 22nd March from 6-7:15pm**. This will be an opportunity for training, sharing and networking so that we can support one another with this. If you would like to find out more about this meeting or are interested in becoming a member of SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for RE) please contact elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk

Reconciliation and Lent Support Documents



Documents to support with Classroom RE and Catholic life and mission with regards to Lent and Reconciliation can be found [HERE](#) along with others in this series. As well as having Q&A and an A-Z of terms to support teachers with their subject knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church, there are also links to Scripture and prayer as well as videos and resources.



Fr Denis McBride's Online Lent Retreat 2022 – Free to attend

Journey with Fr Denis McBride for 6 weeks through Lent! The goal of the Lenten retreat is to promote a conversation between Jesus' story and your own. Find out more [here](#)



Mental Health Update

Supporting children and young people who are worried about the conflict in Ukraine.

The conflict in Ukraine is a reminder that many children have experienced traumatic events before arriving in the UK. Some children from Ukraine and other Eastern European countries will have relatives who are experiencing conflict in their country or on their borders. The links below signpost resources to help children who are experiencing adverse effects of the crisis in the Ukraine.

BBC Bitesize/Anna Freud Centre

- [Click here](#) How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine
- [Click here](#) Invasion of Ukraine - wellbeing resources for parents

BBC News - resources for parents

- [Click here](#) Ukraine conflict: How to help yourself, your children, and others
- [Click here](#) Helping your children cope with seeing distressing news online

Young Minds - [Click here](#) Top tips for talking to children and young people about the events in Ukraine

Childline - [Click here](#) – Resources to support children worrying about the conflict in Ukraine

UK Trauma Council - [Click here](#) Resources to support individuals and organisations working to nurture and protect children and young people following trauma.

Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity Update

Diocesan Racial Justice Equality and Diversity CPD Programme 2022



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

20 JUN 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

Liturgy – 9th June

A special RJED liturgy is being organised for all primary and secondary schools and this will take place in Westminster Cathedral at 2pm on 9th June. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be leading the liturgy and RISE theatre will be supporting with drama. More details will follow in due course so please note this date in your diary.



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

Please let elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk know if you are interested in taking part in this and then send through entries by **Friday 25th March 2022**. The winning entry's song may be shared at our RJED liturgy in June.

Images of the Holy Family

The RJED theme for this year is 'In the Image and Likeness of God'. On the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website, there are some beautiful images of the Holy Family which you can share with your pupils of all ages <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22>. You can then explore this theme throughout the year and we would love you to share with us any of the images your pupils have created on this theme and we may be able to share these on our website.

Diocesan Website

We are working on more documents that we hope to share with you next term on the website, including a policy, diocesan strategy and Catholicism Unpacked document. We hope that you can help to bring this page alive by sharing your success stories, any impact from courses, pupil voice or examples of work that you have done on RJED. Please send to elainearundell@rcdow.org.uk and claireoneill@rcdow.org.uk.

Leadership and Governance Update

Senior Appointments - Support

We are delighted to be kept very busy at the moment by attending interviews for new Head and Deputy Head teachers- it is so good to know that such good candidates are prepared to put themselves forward for these vital positions in our schools.

As we plan for the successful candidates to begin their new roles, we would like to make sure that they have a good support network. I'm sure we all remember that feeling when you start a new job, often in a new school or a new Local Authority; it's hard to feel in charge when you have to ask where everything is. Many new appointees will have built up good networks already, but having someone nearby who knows who it is in the LA you need to contact for the best HR advice can be invaluable.

If you would be prepared to help someone new to their position, please would you contact catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk

Courses for Governors in the Spring term

Date / Time	Course Title / Overview	Booking Links
Thursday 10 th March	Introduction for Governorship (Three Sessions) –	
Monday 14 th March	Course Aim: The AIM of this course is to address the main issues that will be faced by a new (or nearly new) governor. This course takes place over three sessions.	Booking Link
Wednesday 16 th March	Course Content: Governance in a Catholic context. Understanding the language of governance. Committees and school visits. Legal duties and responsibilities. Strategic v Operational issues.	
6.00pm to 7.00pm	Target Audience: Newly appointed governors. Course Lead: Deb Long	

GovernorHub

GovernorHub is the only way we have of communicating with all governors in the diocese. Please make sure that the details on it are correct and that you check it regularly.

Appointing foundation governors / directors

Please remember that guidance for appointing foundation governors can be found on the diocesan website and on governor hub.

Caritas Update

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.”

James 3:17-18

Refugee Response

We have all been shocked and saddened by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. According to the UNHCR, 1,735,068 people are seeking refuge (as of March 6th), as well as countless others having been internally displaced by the conflict that is taking place. I invite you to read CSAN's statement.

In the statement CSAN asserts that:

‘the need to plan and resource a humanitarian response In England and Wales is rapidly becoming acute. We need to consider how we resource the needs of incoming refugees, as well as the poorest members of our society already facing a rising cost-of-living crisis.’

The statement outlines Home Office support for extending the Community Sponsorship scheme to welcome Ukrainians to the UK.

Detailed below is information on the scheme as well as some initial ways of responding to the needs of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees from Ukraine and beyond.

I would like to draw attention to our first Diocesan Asylum Seeker and Refugee Response Network Meeting of 2022, which takes place this Thursday. This session has a special focus on schools who want to be part of an integrated response to the needs of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or ideas.

God Bless,

Rosa Lewis

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Caritas Development Worker – Lead for Refugee Response Email: rosalewis@rcdow.org.uk

Diocesan Asylum Seeker and Refugee Response Network Meeting - Schools of Sanctuary

When: 10th March, 2-3.30pm via Zoom

Join a community of support, hosted by Caritas Westminster, to share tools and initiatives to help make your community, parish and school become even more of a place of welcome and inclusion for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

At this session we will be hearing from Megan from Schools of Sanctuary, Anjali from Newman Catholic College, Tony from the Diocese of Westminster Education Service, as well as Ines from the Notre Dame Refugee Centre and Ed from ESOL provider, Twin.

Click [here](#) to sign up!

How can schools respond to the War in Ukraine?



If you are interested in starting your own Community Sponsorship group, we encourage you to contact caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk and to visit the [RESET website](#).

Community Sponsorship is a transformational way to welcome a refugee family into your community. If you would like to learn more, you can view the recording of our last network meeting which took place on the 9th September 2021 by clicking [here](#). (Passcode: CWCS2021!)

In the video you will hear from a wide range of experts leading Community Sponsorship in London and beyond.



Ukrainian Appeal

Caritas sister agencies in Ukraine and in the surrounding countries are helping people directly. CAFOD, as a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee in the UK is part of their joint appeal from which those Caritas sister agencies will benefit. They have specifically asked for financial assistance rather than donations of goods.

To support CAFOD's appeal for relief work in the war region, please go to cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis.

Volunteering Opportunities

If you would like to be informed of volunteering opportunities to support migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the diocese, please fill out this [form](#).

Nationality and Borders Bill

On the 28th of February The House of Lords voted to lift the ban, meaning that asylum seekers would be able to work. This is significant news – but in order for this to become a reality, both the House of Commons and the House of Lords have to agree. Write to your MP to show that you support asylum seekers and refugees. The JRS and SVP have developed a range of resources to help you do just this!

Click [here](#) to access them.

Primary and Secondary School's Resources

Visit our webpage [here](#) to access schools' resources, jointly produced with the SVP and JRS, to reflect with your pupils on how to welcome migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Sky News, highlighted the work of Newman Catholic College in Brent, for its work welcoming and educating refugee children.



Headmaster Danny Coyle said:

“What has made us relatively successful in supporting these children are the ‘Newman Values’ that are central to the school. These values endeavour to bring together disparate individuals from diverse backgrounds and strives to unite them under the umbrella of our shared humanity, whilst retaining, recognising and celebrating the beauty of their uniqueness. As we often say at assembly, if our society were run along with principles of ‘Newman values’, we would all live a better life.”

You can read Danny’s article on the diocese website, or come along to our Asylum Seeker and Refugee Response Network Meeting (see above) to hear from Anjali Saran, Newman Catholic College’s Refugee Project Co-ordinator.

Lent - a time of growth

Perhaps, you are still feeling some of the darkness of winter, but Lent is a chance to remember that from the darkness of the earth, seeds can grow. Step by step, our prayers lead us to a deeper relationship with God, and in turn, to a renewed energy to take action, to see his Kingdom unfold here on earth.



Caritas Volunteer Service

This Lent, we are extending an invitation to all Catholics – alongside prayer, fasting and donating – give of your time and energy! There are so many different ways you can use your talents as a volunteer, living your faith and gaining new skills.

And the Caritas Volunteer Service will be with you every step of the way, helping you discover a wide range of voluntary opportunities in London and Hertfordshire, connecting you with charities looking for help, and informing you of training opportunities and other useful events to support you.

Or, you can have your own personal consultation to help you explore voluntary opportunities, [click here to find out more](#), or phone 07738183833

During Lent we will be [sharing stories of volunteers](#) to inspire and encourage you. Follow us on social media to make sure you don’t miss any!

If you have your own story of volunteering please share it with us, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Tackling Knife Crime and County Lines

The second knife amnesty bin of the year was blessed by Bishop Nicholas Hudson on 9 February. It is located at St Mary & St Michael Roman Catholic Church in Tower Hamlets.

Bishop Hudson said: “In Lent, we think of the powerful words of the Lord spoken through the prophet Joel, “Come back to me with all your heart.” A knife bin announces the same call, to have a change of heart. The knife bin standing here now on Commercial Road announces peace. “Be peacemakers, not peace-breakers,” it cries out to everyone that passes it.”



Bishop Hudson speaking to the Headteacher and Head boy of Bishop Challoner school

This is the fifth knife bin installed in the diocese through the partnership of Caritas Westminster and Word4Weapons.

Minet Masho, our Development Worker for the area admitted: “The knife bins are not aesthetically glorious to see” – we would rather not be putting these objects outside our churches – but they are there to encourage people to give up knives and other objects that could be used as weapons, and to act as a call for peace on our streets.

Read more

If you are interested to install a Knife Bin in your local area, please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Upcoming Events



Volunteering 1-2-1 Consultations

30 min just for you

to help you get started with volunteering this Lent!

- ask questions
- explore options
- look at next steps



- Mondays 11 am - 1 pm
- Wednesdays 6 pm - 7 pm
- in person (Mondays only)
- online
- by phone

Book a time on Eventbrite or contact cvs@rcdow.org.uk

Volunteering 1-2-1 consultations

Thinking about volunteering but don't know where to start? You are invited to have a 30 min conversation with our expert at the Caritas Volunteer Service to talk through your options and answer your questions.

Appointments are available on various days and times, by zoom, phone or in person at Vaughan House. Various dates in Lent [click here to find out more](#)

Symbols of Faith Workshop

Wednesday 9th March & Thursday 10th March

Bishop's Stortford

This workshop offers parents, priests and catechists creative insights and ideas on the faith formation and sacramental preparation of people with learning disabilities. The course takes place over two evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. [Read about Symbols of Faith](#)



Managing Utilities - Information Session

Monday 21 March 6:30-7:45pm OR Thursday 24 March 10:00-11:15am

This information session will be useful for anyone in a parish, school, SVP or outreach project supporting people who are struggling financially, especially with utilities bills.

Hosted by Caritas Westminster, and delivered by the Head of Financial Inclusion at Advice 4 Renters Money, and advisers from National Energy Advice and Green Doctors.

The two sessions will be identical, so you can choose the time that suits you best. [Find out more](#)



We are recruiting!

The Caritas Volunteer Service is looking for an administrator. All the details can be found here: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/caritas-volunteer-service-administrator/>. This is a varied role comprising database management, corresponding with charities and volunteers, including newsletters and social media as well as administrative support in organising events.

We are looking for someone with a background in volunteer management and / or customer service with good organisational and communication skills and an eye for detail. If that sounds like someone you know - please forward this information to them. The closing date is next week Friday 11th March.

Building Resilience: Free training to start after Easter

It isn't too late to join the expert training part of our **Road to Resilience** programme. Please share with those staff and volunteers who provide pastoral support and outreach to individuals and families.

- Firm Foundations, a year-long **financial resilience** programme designed to support churches, schools and community projects to reach the most marginalised, particularly people trapped in debt and other financial difficulties. Hear from the Chaplain of NCC talking about his experience [here](#).
- Stepping Stones, a year-long **help into work programme**, so schools can accompany people to secure dignified and fulfilling work.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be able to benefit from one of these courses, please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

After the Synod... let us dream!

We have read some wonderful accounts of what students would like to see from the Church of the future in the Synod responses. We would love to build on the dreams for a better future; where we care for our Mother Earth and each other, please let us know if your school would like to help with the planning and preparation. Please email francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk

In the meantime, if you haven't already, please ask us about our Caritas Ambassador programme, for both primary and secondary schools. It aims to equip pupils with a strong understanding of **Catholic Social Teaching** and how we can put it into action in our daily lives. For more information see our website: [here](#)

SPEC Update



We're excited to announce that the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, as CYMFED organise Flame 2023!

There will be some incredible speakers, times of prayer & the opportunity to celebrate our shared faith with hundreds of other young Catholics.

Westminster Youth Ministry have reserved hundreds of tickets specifically for those in the Diocese, for the reduced early-bird price of £20- get yours while you can!

SPECIAL GUESTS



Guvna B



Robert Bilott



Saturday 4 March 2023

OVO Arena, Wembley

Ticket cost with WYM: £20

Tickets at this price are limited- first come, first served!

Register with WYM:



Capital and PPP Update

Capital

Statlog – Statutory Compliance

Compliance Overview



Site Manager Tests

1573 / 1886 Test Assets Compliant

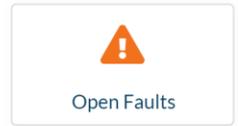
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Specialist Contractor Tests

1122 / 1565 Test Assets Compliant

Search and Report



169 out of 205 site currently subscribed to Statlog.
146 out of 205 site currently setup for Site Manager Tests.
138 out of 205 site currently setup for Specialist Contractor Tests.

Only include statistics from sites & assets that have been fully setup on Statlog Statutory Testing Modules

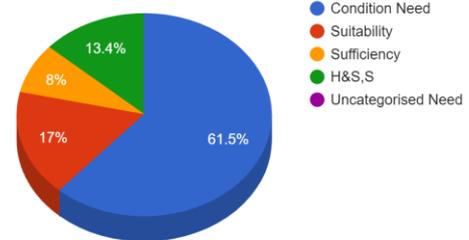
One additional school is now set up for site manager tests (146).

Statlog – Condition Surveys

Capital Asset Need

Condition Need	£154,100,693
Suitability	£42,534,445
Sufficiency	£20,100,001
Health, Safety & Safeguarding	£33,656,454

Includes data from 160 completed surveys. 2 surveys are in progress.



Total Need: £250,391,592.78

162 surveys are complete or nearing completion. Consultants have a further 7 surveys to complete and then every licenced school will have an up-to-date Statlog Survey. The greatest challenge is the knowledge of circa £250M of need!

Project Manager Lite (PML)

Colleagues continue to grow in confidence using this Statlog Module.

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.

School Rebuilding Programme (SRP) 2022

The government recently closed the portal through which Responsible Bodies could propose school for inclusion in the SRP. The following Catholic Schools have been proposed:

School Name	URN	SRP Identifier	Status of Submission
La Sainte Union Catholic Secondary School	100059	SRP-01910	Under Consideration
St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School	100447	SRP-01918	Under Consideration
St James' Catholic High School	101364	SRP-01919	Under Consideration
Newman Catholic College	101564	SRP-01916	Under Consideration
St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls	102053	SRP-01914	Under Consideration
St Ignatius College	102058	SRP-01915	Under Consideration
St Martin of Porres Catholic Primary School	102150	SRP-01166	Under Consideration
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and Nursery	102231	SRP-01921	Under Consideration
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Junior School	117468	SRP-01917	Under Consideration
Pope Paul Catholic Primary School	117496	SRP-01913	Under Consideration
John F Kennedy Catholic School	117557	SRP-01920	Under Consideration
St Paul's Catholic College	125311	SRP-01912	Under Consideration
The London Oratory School	137157	SRP-01839	Under Consideration
Saint Joan of Arc Catholic School	137914	SRP-01934	Under Consideration
The Douay Martyrs Catholic School	137925	SRP-02291	Open
Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School	137938	SRP-01550	Open
Saint Claudine's Catholic School for Girls	137994	SRP-02224	Open
St Mark's Catholic School	137995	SRP-02276	Open
The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial RC School	141931	SRP-02366	Under Consideration
The Sacred Heart Language College	146245	SRP-01261	Under Consideration
St John Catholic Primary School	146859	SRP-01954	Under Consideration

All of the above have been submitted via route 2. This means that the responsible body chose to supply additional evidence of need. This evidence included Statlog Condition Surveys and some additional structural evidence where appropriate.

Insurance of Land and Buildings

In recent months, the Diocesan Trustees have been taking advice regarding the insurance cover for School and Academies occupying Diocesan Trust premises. Costs are escalating for all schools whether they insure via the CIS or are members of the Government's RPA.

The trustees have identified a significant financial implication for school who are members of the RPA. RPA members will be aware that the RPA will only offer £250,000.00 to protect occupied buildings and it is the responsibility of the school to secure appropriate insurance in excess of this amount to protect their buildings and business continuity.

The Trustees have been struggling to identify any insurance company that is prepared to protect the interests of the school for a reasonable premium.

To put the risk into context, you will all recall the major fire that consumed St Joseph's, Willesden. Thankfully, no one was injured, and the insurer paid for the building to be completely repaired and for the temporary buildings required to provide continuity of education. An outlay of circa £15M. If this school had been a member of the RPA at that time, the scheme would have paid £250,000.00 toward the rebuild, leaving the governing body over £14,750,000.00 to find from elsewhere. Neither the Governing Body nor the Diocese could fund the difference so the school would have been abandoned, the pupils sent to other schools and the staff made redundant.

The CIS scheme covers the potential of loss to the occupied school during any building project. If the cost of the work is over a certain level it changes an appropriate premium but, either way, the school is protected.

Members of the RPA are at liberty to secure occupiers' insurance to protect their school. If you find a company that is prepared to sell you comprehensive insurance at a competitive rate, please let us know so that we can share this with other RPA school.

It is possible to arrange for the contractor to cover your liability as part of a building contract. However, the full cost of this insurance will be passed on so the school will pay for the insurance either way.

Because of the significant risk of building loss for schools in the RPA. The Trustees are advising that every school occupying Diocesan Land and Buildings returns to the CIA scheme as soon as possible. We are in discussion with the RPA about this matter and may be able to reopen both options when the scheme protects the additional risk but, in the meantime, the CIA scheme offers all interested parties, the best level of comprehensive Capital and Business Interruption insurances.

We will explore this issue during the upcoming meetings for Heads, Chairs and SBM. If you have any urgent questions, please email Nigel Spears nigelspears@rcdow.org.uk.

Pupil Placement Planning

1st Planner Project

School specific reports are being circulated this term. Once all of the reports have been issued, there will be opportunities for clusters of schools and academies to meet with Nigel Spears and 1st Planner colleagues 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.

This project is due for submission at the end of this month.

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.