



**GOVERNANCE UPDATE
2020-2021**

Autumn 1

We pray to be
generous and visible
people of Jesus Christ

**FOUNDATION
GOVERNOR
TRAINING**

Due to ongoing safety measures, this training will take place on Zoom. It will include an overview of roles and responsibilities of Governors and an Introduction to SIAMS. This training will be offered on **Tuesday 27th October 7-8pm.**

To book your place, please e-mail caroline.vinall@elydiocese.org

**SIAMS
REFRESHER
TRAINING**

Training for all governors wishing to refresh their knowledge of SIAMS. Due to ongoing safety measures, this training will take place on Zoom.

This training will be offered on **Wednesday 28th October 7-8pm.**

To book your place, please e-mail caroline.vinall@elydiocese.org

WELCOME

Welcome to the first Governance update. With so many challenges facing our schools at this current time, we felt that you would appreciate more direct communication from the diocese involving Governance.

In this brief update, you will find information about training courses being offered to governors, links to useful information and reminders of dates for your diary.

Caroline Vinall
Senior Officer for SIAMS, RE & Governance

VISIBLE VISION

Your website should be a visible expression of your school vision, but there are also statutory requirements for school websites, which can be found via these links

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-maintained-schools-must-publish-online>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-academies-free-schools-and-colleges-should-publish-online>

**RELATIONSHIPS AND
SEX EDUCATION**

You should already be aware that there are new statutory requirements for the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education in Primary Schools in England. The Diocese of Ely will not be issuing any additional guidance for RSE, but points you towards the Church of England Education Office website and linked resources.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/relationships-sex-and-health-education>

**ADMISSIONS IN
VA SCHOOLS**

Please ensure that you have reviewed your admissions policies in line with the Schools Admissions Code 2014 and ensured that all oversubscription criteria are very clearly and objectively defined.

If you require any support with admissions policies, oversubscription criteria or consultations, please contact Caroline Vinall.

**FOUNDATION
GOVERNOR
APPLICATIONS**

Foundation Governor re-applications and applications must be with the DBE in hard copy (e-mail is fine as long as the signatures are scanned) by **Thursday 15th October 2020.**

Formal governor guidance on the nomination of FGs will be formally considered by the DBE on the 22nd October and should appear in the next update if there are no further changes.

Diary Dates

15th October 2020
Application deadline for new Foundation Governor appointments

22nd October 2020
DBE Board Meeting

27th October 2020
New Foundation Governor Training
7pm-8pm – Zoom

28th October 2020
SIAMS Refresher Training
7pm-8pm – Zoom

3rd / 4th / 5th November 2020
RE Briefing for HTs and RE co-ordinators
3:30-4:30pm – Zoom