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Welcome... *The Maximilian* is a monthly newsletter from the Education Commission to all categories of governors in our schools, highlighting changes in legislation and other news which will be of help to governing bodies.



Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of another very successful academic year for the Diocese, I would like to thank you - staff, governors, parents, clergy and Religious - for all that you do to support the children and young people in our school communities.

This year, I have had the privilege to lead the Education Commission and welcome and work with a fantastic interim team. To those valued staff leaving us, I would especially like to extend my gratitude for the support, expertise and professionalism you have contributed. I know that you will continue to flourish and wish you happiness in the future.

Finally, I am sure you would wish to take this opportunity with me, to welcome Simon Hughes, our new director to the Education Commission.

With my good wishes and prayers for a safe, happy and restful summer holiday.

Yours

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)

Working Together has now been updated to reflect changes in the law, including the Children and Social Work Act (2017). From a school perspective the most relevant change is the requirement for local safeguarding partnerships which will replace Local Safeguarding Children Boards. These partnerships are made up of the local authority, health commissioners and the police.

In the consultation, schools were disappointed not to be identified as statutory partners, but the guidance says that 'local safeguarding partners should make arrangements to allow all schools in the local area to be fully engaged, involved and included in the new safeguarding arrangements'. (Working Together (2018) paragraph 26, page 77)

The new local safeguarding partnerships must publish their plans for the new arrangements.

[Download the document here.](#)

Information Sharing (2018)

The 2015 version of the information sharing guidance has been updated in response to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, and it supersedes the HM Government Information sharing: guidance for practitioners and managers published in March 2015.

The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 do not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children and young people safe. (Information Sharing (2018) Page 5)

'Where possible, share information with consent, and where possible, respect the wishes of those who do not consent to having their information shared. Under the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 you may share information without consent if, in your judgement, there is a lawful basis to do so, such as where safety may be at risk.

A useful myth-busting guide can be found on page 13 and 14.

[Download the Guidance here](#)

Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006

From 1st September 2018, schools will no longer have to ask staff questions about cautions or convictions of someone living or working in their household.

The Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018, Part 2 Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2018, section 9, states that such a disqualification applies only to 'work in domestic premises'.

[You can find the guidance here.](#)

[The legislation is here](#)

OFSTED School Inspection Update (July 2018)

The latest inspection update covers a number of issues, including an important safeguarding issue.

In October 2016, a four-old boy with serious learning difficulties died whilst clinging to his mother who had passed away herself, two weeks previously, during an epileptic episode. The boy, whose autism prevented him from feeding himself or calling for help, slowly died of starvation.

The boy's school had tried to contact his mother by telephone, which remained unanswered. Later, staff called at the home twice, but could not gain access.

Following the inquest, the local coroner sent a 'Prevention of Future Deaths' statutory report to the Education Secretary, setting out his concerns and suggesting changes he believes would prevent further deaths of this kind.

The latest update to Keeping Children Safe in Education (for September 2018) says 'Where reasonably possible, schools and colleges should hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil or student. This goes beyond the legal minimum and is good practice to give the school or college additional options to make contact with a responsible adult when a child missing education is also identified as a welfare and/or safeguarding concern.'

[Download the Ofsted Update Here.](#)

Keeping children safe in education: for schools and colleges

In March 2018, the DfE published a revised version of its guidance, 'Keeping children safe in education' (KCSIE), to come into effect from September 2018. The DfE is also reviewing its guidance, 'Working together to safeguard children', following a consultation in April, which may involve further revisions to KCSIE.

[The Guidance is available by clicking here.](#)

Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools

Advice for schools and colleges on how to prevent and respond to reports of sexual violence and harassment between children was published in December 2017.

[The Guidance is available by clicking here](#)

Update to the DfE's guidance on what maintained schools must publish online

The DfE's guidance on information that schools maintained by their local authorities must publish on their websites was updated in May 2018.

[The Guidance is available by clicking here.](#)

Update to the DfE's guidance on what academies, free schools and colleges must publish online

The DfE's guidance on information that academies, including 16 to 19 colleges and any educational institution that has academy arrangements, should publish on their websites was updated in May 2018.

[The Guidance is available by clicking here.](#)