

The Maximilian

A monthly newsletter for governors within the Archdiocese of Southwark

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We know that for those who love God
everything works together for good

(Romans 8:28)

End of Year Message

The staff at the Education Commission wish to thank all governors, headteachers, staff and pupils within the Archdiocese of Southwark family of schools and academies for all your hard work. We hope you all have a restful summer.

The reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass 5th June 2022

The previous edition contained guidance regarding admissions and the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, as of the 5th June 2022. We offered a form of words relating to the variation that was sought, unfortunately there was an error in wording. It should have read reinstated rather than lifted, with reference to the obligation to attend Mass.

Please use the amended wording below, if this is helpful. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience.

As of the 5th June 2022, Pentecost, the Bishops of England and Wales reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at xxxx, under a faith based criteria will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Evidence of practice will be measured by frequency of attendance at Mass as validated by either a priest or minister, as was the case prior to 18th March 2020. These arrangements apply to the admissions round for 2023 and subsequent rounds.

MATs within the Archdiocese of Southwark

Please [click here](#) to view the letter from Archbishop John Wilson regarding MATs within the Archdiocese of Southwark.



Courses & Events

New to the Role of Chair of Governors
Wednesday 14th September 2022 5.30pm-7pm
£25 Zoom
[Book](#)

Beginning of Year Mass
Friday 30th of September 2022 10.45am
St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR
[Book](#)

Clerks to Governors Forum
When: Sep 13, 2022 02:00 PM London
[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

When: Sep 21, 2022 06:00 PM London
[Register in advance for this meeting](#)



Crisis Fund

The Catholic Childrens Society operate a Crisis Fund which provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. Parish Priests and Headteachers can apply to this fund on behalf of a family and we will respond within 24 hours. This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn. The details for The Catholic Children's Society are as follows:

73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ

Tel: 020 8969 5305

Email: info@cathchild.org.uk

Too Good To Go

You may wish to share this information with your parents through your newsletters. Please click on the link and parents may opt to obtain the app or not. Food that would otherwise be discarded by either supermarkets or restaurants is sold at very reduced prices.

How does Too Good To Go work?

With Too Good To Go you can save food from the restaurants, cafes and stores that are on the app. Instead of having to throw away food at the end of the day, these places offer what they have in Magic Bags. The actual contents will be a surprise until you get there!

Find a meal near you, purchase it through the app and turn up in the store within the given collection time. Show the staff your order to receive your Magic Bag - and give them a high-five to celebrate that you just made a difference together.

1/3 of food is wasted so you're doing a great thing and hopefully having a bit of fun whilst you do it!

<https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/>

Reminder of the main responsibilities of foundation governors

Foundation Governors are appointed for a four-year term by the Director of the Education Commission, on behalf of the Archbishop, to represent the interests of the Trustees of the Archdiocese or, in schools under the Trusteeship of a Religious Order, by the person approved by the Order to make such appointments to serve the interests of their Trusteeship, working under the authority of the Archbishop. Foundation Governors form the majority on a Catholic school's governing body. They have the responsibility of assisting the Bishop, by sustaining and developing the Catholic ethos and distinctive Catholic nature of the school in which they serve. They have a specific commission that takes the form of an undertaking to ensure that the school is at all times conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Archdiocesan Trust Deed. **All categories of governors in voluntary aided**



Catholic schools and academies are legally bound by either the Instrument of Government or the Articles and Memorandum of Association of their school or academy. The Instrument of Government or Articles and Memorandum of Association contains a very important clause which specifies how the school/academy must be run.

It reads as follows:

“The school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with the Canon Law and teachings of the Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Southwark, and in particular:

a) religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church;

b) religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church:

and at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This is a very clear statement to governors about the way in which they must conduct their school, and your particular attention is drawn to the last two lines, which prescribe that, in everything it does and in all aspects of its work, the school must serve as a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, a Catholic school is not one which merely follows the secular National Curriculum with Catholic religious education and liturgical worship bolted on, but rather an institution where Gospel values and the Catholic faith are at the heart of everything and permeate every facet of its work.

Guidance on Visitors and External Speakers

When inviting visitors and external speakers do consult the Diocesan policy. Please [click here](#).

Decree from Archbishop John Wilson

Please use the link below to view a Decree from Archbishop John stating that the appointment of a Chair of Governors in any voluntary-aided, academy or Independent school in the Archdiocese of Southwark must be a Foundation Governor.

[Decree](#)

