Dear Headteachers, CEOs, Consultants, Chaplains, Directors, Chairs of Governors, Vice Chairs of Governors and Foundation Governors

**Academy & School News Update and Safeguarding Briefing**

Please find attached the most recent academy and school news summary from educational consultant Tony Stephens, and a copy of the latest safeguarding briefing from Andrew Hall.

**Educating Our Children and Young People About the Environment and Global Warming – Dr Ruth Valerio, Headteachers’ Conference, 24th March**

At our Headteachers’ Conference on 24th March, Dr Ruth Valerio will be helping us to explore how we can best educate our children and young people about the environment, and develop environmentally friendly lifestyles and educational facilities.  Dr Ruth Valerio is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund - an environmentalist, theologian and social activist. Ruth holds a doctorate from King’s College London, and honorary doctorates from the Universities of Winchester and Chichester.  She is also Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral. She enjoys living sustainably - practising what she preaches and inspiring others as she does so. She is the author of *L is for Lifestyle: Living that doesn’t cost the earth* and *Just Living: Faith and Community in an age of Consumerism,* and wrote the Archbishop of Canterbury’s 2020 Lent book, entitled *Saying Yes to Life*.  Ruth is a regular contributor on Radio 4 and the BBC World Service.  Ruth’s latest book, written with comedian Paul Kerensa, provides 52 fantastic ideas for children re. looking after the world.  It is written particularly with children aged 7 to 9 in mind, with a different challenge each week from cycling more and choosing Fair Trade, to taking shorter showers and recycling and being inspired to join the fight for the planet’s future, as they learn about why it is so important to care for the environment and God’s creation.  With quirky illustrations throughout, *Planet Protectors* is an ideal book for children beginning to read independently and wanting to make a positive difference to our planet.  Further details of Ruth’s biography and those of all the conference speakers are attached.

***WEBINARS OPEN TO ALL COMING UP SOON***

**eEnergy Webinar re. Taking Steps Towards Achieving Net Zero and Saving Money – 31st January, 2.00pm**

Details of the services provided by eEnergy are attached.  Matt Savill from eEnergy will be leading a 30-minute webinar for Peterborough Diocese schools and academies on 31st January at 2.00pm.Please encourage your School Business Manager or MAT CFO to attend.  To receive the Zoom link for this webinar please email: education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk*.*

**An Introduction to Character Education - Tuesday, February 8th, 4.00 - 4.40pm**

The Archbishop of York’s Youth Trust is offering this free webinar about character education and bookings can be made via: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B3acI7h2TEW9oHQmIaVgPA).

**An Introduction to the KS1 & KS2 Young Leaders Awards - Thursday, February 10th, 2022, 4.00 - 4.45pm**

The Archbishop of York’s Youth Trust is also offering this free webinar about their Young Leaders Award and bookings can be made via: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xvLvZFsaTt-w6Dgp12Cwpw).

**Ofsted Annual Report Webinar – 28th February, 4.00pm**

The Ofsted East of England team webinar is now due to take place at 4.00pm on 28th February, entitled: ‘Ofsted annual report – how has this shaped our regional priorities?’  The senior team will share the regional priorities following the launch of Ofsted’s annual report. They will look at what this means within the region and how we can all contribute towards improving the lives of children, pupils and young people in the East of England. This will include discussion about early years/primary, secondary, special and FES, and how this will inform Ofsted’s work within the region.   You can register here: [Registration (gotowebinar.com)](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1075693327077717008). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.  The reason given for the change of date by Ofsted is as follows: ‘We are moving the date of our East of England webinar to 28th February 2022. This is to ensure we have the most up-to-date and confirmed information and updates to share with the region following a very uncertain start to the new year.’

***SLA TRAINING COURSES COMING UP SOON***

**New Designated Safeguarding Leads (Northants only)** - **Tuesday 8th February 2022, 9.30pm - 3.30pm, via Zoom**

This training is the statutory single agency training required for a senior member of staff to become a Designated (or Deputy Designated) Safeguarding Lead in a school.  Participants will look at the legislation and guidance that informs their role and will become familiar with local procedures in order to help safeguard the pupils in their setting.  Only for DSLs working in Northamptonshire schools.

**Termly SIAMS Headteachers Briefing - Tuesday 8th February, 1.30pm - 3.00pm, via Zoom**

Updates and feedback on inspections so far.  Workshop to look at different self-evaluation approaches and to ensure your school is well prepared.

**Middle Leaders Training Programme Day 1** - **Thursday 24th February, 9.30am - 3.30pm, either via Zoom or at Bouverie Court (tbc)**

The first day of a two-day course to give middle leaders the right tools to fulfil their responsibilities.  This first day will concentrate on Ofsted expectations and set leaders up with tasks to ensure appropriate monitoring activities.

To book a place on any of the above SLA training courses, please email: education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

**Prayer**

Finally, may I share with you a prayer from this Sunday, the fourth Sunday of epiphany…

*God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing!

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