



**BRIEFING**

<b>SUBJECT: LEGISLATION UPDATE 3 I</b>	
<b>RECIPIENT(S):</b> Headteachers, Chairs of Governors and Clerks to Governors of all C of E Schools and Academies	
<b>SDBE CONTACT:</b> Carol Jerwood	<b>DATE:</b> January 2015

**1 CONSTITUTION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

1.1 The Board issued guidance to schools in May and all maintained schools must re-constitute by 1 September 2015. If you are planning to reconstitute your governing body, please contact Leo Morrell, Governance, Admissions & Development Adviser at the SDBE - [leo.morrell@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:leo.morrell@southwark.anglican.org), in plenty of time; some LAs require all new instruments to go to their Cabinet meetings for approval and they meet infrequently.

**2 SDBE BRIEFINGS – January 2015**

2.1 All briefings are available on the members’ area of SDBE website [www.education.southwark.org](http://www.education.southwark.org).

**BRIEFINGS AND SDBE POLICY STATEMENTS**

<b>SDBE BRIEFINGS</b>	<b>RECIPIENTS</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Revised Admissions Code	Headteachers and chairs of governors	Carol Jerwood
Deferred entry and education out of chronological age	Headteachers and chairs of governors	Carol Jerwood
Disqualification by association	Headteachers and chairs of governors	Atia Williams

**3 DFE GUIDANCE AND CONSULTATIONS**

<b>Recent DFE Consultations can be accessed via the following links</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<p><b>“Prevent” duty:</b> The Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill, which is currently before Parliament, seeks to place a duty on specified authorities to ‘have due regard, in the exercise of its functions, to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’. Preventing people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism also requires challenge to extremist ideas where they are used to legitimise terrorism and are shared by terrorist groups. In carrying out this duty, the specified authorities (which includes all schools and academies) must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State. A link to the draft guidance for consultation is below.</p> <p><a href="#">Prevent Duty Guidance Consultation</a></p>	<p>Noon on Friday 30 January 2015</p>
<p><b>Working Together to Safeguard Children:</b> This consultation document seeks views about three proposed changes to the statutory guidance. We are not consulting on the updates and clarifications set out in Annex A. Following this consultation, the government proposes to update and replace the current statutory guidance <i>Working Together to Safeguard Children</i> revised and published in 2013.</p> <p>The three proposed changes being consulted on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the referral of allegations against those who work with children;</li> <li>• notifiable incidents involving the care of a child; and</li> <li>• the definition of serious harm for the purposes of serious case reviews.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Working together to safeguard children consultation</a></p>	<p>5.00pm on 3 February 2015</p>

DFE Statutory Guidance & Regulations	Date
<p><b>Revised School Admissions Code:</b> The DFE published a revised Admissions Code on 19 December 2014. In addition it has also produced revised advice admission of summer born children and new advice on using the pupil premium to give priority in admissions. See separate SDBE briefing.</p> <p><a href="#">School Admissions Code</a></p> <p><a href="#">Summer Born Admissions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pupil Premium Advice</a></p>	19 December 2014
<p><b>Revised Exclusion Guidance</b></p> <p>The DFE has revised the exclusions guidance and this took effect on 5 January. There was no consultation about this; some of the changes are minor, but others, although seeming to be small changes of wording, have real implications and this is exercising the minds of some lawyers. There is talk of a possible judicial review of the decision by the Secretary of State to make these changes without consultation.</p> <p><a href="#">DFE Exclusions Guidance 2015</a></p>	5 January 2015
<p><b>School Food Standards</b></p> <p>The new school food standards came into force this week. The standards apply to all maintained schools and academies that were established prior to September 2010 and from June 2014. Other academies are not required to meet the standards (because their Funding Agreements do not refer to them), but the Department for Education is encouraging them to sign up voluntarily.</p> <p><a href="#">DFE School Food Standards Guidance</a></p> <p>Useful resources can be found on the <a href="#">School Food Plan's website</a>.</p>	5 January 2015