



Education Answers LBMW Circular May 2018

for information

The government announcement about **New VA Schools** has generated interest for all Dioceses (and MATs with church schools). David Whittington and the LBMW team have been busy assessing the position and details of **two** new Education Answers papers are [below](#).

The dreaded General Data Protection Regulation is almost in force. Thank you to all who have already 'opted-in' to these circulars. Please see the [note at the end of this circular](#) about how we intend to use data to contact you in the future.

Our **7th Schools Conference** was a great success and feedback included these comments:

- "The breadth and depth of content far exceeded any other one-day conference that I have attended in recent years. "
- "The excellent economics talk which opened the event - possibly the clearest explanation of the economy since the financial crash that I've ever heard."
- "An excellent networking occasion with high quality input and expertise."
- "This is a must attend event for all charitable and education organisations who understand that the only certainty right now is change. This was a first class day. "

NEW EDUCATION ANSWERS PAPERS

Two key documents to help the Church Voluntary sector respond to the government's announcements on new VA funding and guidance

– **Proposing new VA Church Schools** – the government has announced new money and amended guidance in this regard. There is no real change in the law however. See our paper for details:

<http://lBMW.educationanswers.co.uk/documents/establishing-new-church-of-england-va-schools/>

– **Providing sites for New Church Voluntary Schools and Academies** – how to use a little-known piece of legislation to provide new sites for church schools:

<http://lBMW.educationanswers.co.uk/documents/providing-sites-for-new-church-voluntary-schools-and-academies>

– **Data Protection issues in Schools and MATs** – we mentioned this last time but given the impending deadline of 25th May, here's a reminder - (link here:

<http://lbmw.educationanswers.co.uk/documents/data-protection-issues-in-schools-and-mats>).

The DfE is moving to a “Digital by Default” protocol for saving its records. Digital by Default represents a major change in the way it handles funding agreements and deeds of variation - from now on, DfE will be saving a scanned, PDF copy of funding agreements for their records – not a hard copy as they do now. **This will apply for July 1st academy openers.**

Data-jacking is something that affects schools, and our Education Answers sponsors ['StayPrivate'](#) have written a piece on how this affects the independent sector especially. They say "With cyber crime expected to rise further in 2018 (industry predictions are that it will reach \$6 trillion annually by 2021, up from \$3trillion in 2015) schools must ensure they are taking action and cyber crime should be a fundamental part of each and every schools risk register." Staff training and secure email are key to defence – see their [website](#) for details.

The Charity Commission have designed a welcome pack for new charity trustees. The link is here [Charity trustee welcome pack](#). For all charity matters, don't forget [Jane Grenfell](#) is now part of the LBMW team.

LBMW and the GDPR

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As regards (b) after 25th May we will be implementing our data audit and scouring out all records where we feel any uncertainty about continuing to communicate. If you wish to tell us to remove you at this point, all you need do is [unsubscribe](#).

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