

## **LATEST NEWS FROM THE LEGAL AND OPERATIONS TEAM – OCTOBER 2021**

### **CHARITY FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK**

Charity Fraud Awareness Week runs from 18 – 22 October 2021. The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of fraud and cybercrime that affects the charity sector and to create a space for charities to talk about fraud and share good practice.

Free online resources and webinars are available at <https://preventcharityfraud.org.uk/>

Churches may also be interested in the Baptists Together [Preventing Fraud & Money Laundering for Churches Webinar](#) which was recorded earlier this month.

### **PRESCHOOLS – NEW STATUTORY FRAMEWORK**

Earlier this year the Department for Education published a new Statutory Framework for the early years foundation stage. This framework is mandatory for all early years providers in England from 1 September 2021. The changes to the framework include longer, more in-depth examples of activities in the educational programme section and the safeguarding and welfare section now contains a new requirement to promote the good oral health of children. Early learning goals have also changed to be more specific and summarise the skills and understanding all young children should have by the time they turn five.

There is also new non-statutory curriculum guidance called Development Matters that can be used from 1 September 2021 to assist in putting educational programmes into practice.

Any churches operating preschools should note these changes and adapt their curriculum around the new educational programmes. Further information can be found [here](#)

### **ONLINE CIO TRAINING EVENT 20 OCTOBER – LAST CALL FOR BOOKINGS!**

The BUGB Legal and Operations Team and Anthony Collins LLP will be hosting training on Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) on **Wednesday 20 October** from 10am until 1pm. This will be held online via Zoom.

Esther Campsall from Anthony Collins LLP will be presenting together with Caroline Sanderson from BUGB. For further information and to book a place, please visit the [BUGB website](#). Bookings will close on Sunday 17 October.

### **FAITH NEW DEAL PILOT FUND**

Faith groups can apply for the UK Government's recently launched £1 million Faith New Deal Pilot Fund. Funding is available for projects which strengthen engagement between local and national government and faith groups to tackle social issues and the impact of Covid-19 on the community. Details of the fund and the application form can be found [here](#).

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