

To: Head Teachers of  
Church of England Birmingham Schools

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Dear Head Teacher,

**Church of England Birmingham - Schools Partnership Agreement 2020/21**

Firstly, I want to thank you for all you are doing during this challenging time to support your families and your staff. I know that you are working tirelessly to deliver what is being asked for by our Government. We, in the Education Team, have spoken to many of you over the last few weeks. We recognise that it is in times like the current Covid 19 crisis, we feel the real benefit of being part of a network. We are keen to support you wherever we can.

Your school’s subscription to the voluntary Partnership Agreement with the Diocese is now due for renewal and I am writing to make a formal request for your voluntary subscription for the year 2020/21. We have held our subscription costs for a further year - 5 years without an increase - recognising the strain on budgets our schools face. We continue to include membership of the National Governors’ Association (NGA), and enhanced support for Governing Boards.

As previously, the Partnership Agreement subscription costs are based on school size. The pricing scale remains as follows:

6 classes or fewer.....	£650	14 classes or more .....	£950
7-13 classes .....	£750	Secondary school/academy .....	£1250

In order to reward and be fair to those who pay into the partnership agreement, schools that choose not to contribute (in fact we only have one) will be charged at full cost for all events and additional advice from the Diocesan Education team. However, should your school be facing particular financial difficulties, please do get in touch and we may be able to negotiate appropriately to help address this.

Enclosed is a newly updated Partnership Framework for 2020-21 to remind you of the services and benefits the sum you contribute entitles you to. This has also been emailed with a separate letter to your Chair of Governors.

Feedback to us from heads, clergy and governors has been that you have found our support to be of value in the past and we therefore hope that you and your chair will wish to join the Partnership for the coming Academic Year and enjoy the undoubted benefits it brings.

Yours sincerely,



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**Director of Education – Church of England Birmingham**

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