

Church of England School Partnership Framework 2021-22

The Church of England Birmingham Education team continues to cultivate the support offered to all of our schools. The funded partnership model is needed to maintain and develop this offer comprising courses, conferences, specialist advice and the targeted support outlined below.

Support provided FREE for Partnership Agreement schools

For School Governors:

- Termly Governor e-briefing specific to governor-related matters.
- New Governor training.
- Chair of Governors briefings.
- Governing Board training.
- Membership of National Governors Association (the NGA), usually a cost of £85.

For Senior Leaders:

- A regular e-Bulletin updating schools on all aspects of Ofsted and DfE guidance, as well as other CofE Birmingham events.
- 4 Grove Booklets matters related to education in Church schools.
- Advice and support re structural change (eg becoming an Academy/part of a Multi-Academy Trust).
- Brokering of appropriate school support packages from quality assured providers, including school-to-school support.
- Support for managing difficult conversations.
- At least one pastoral visit each year from a team member; including ensuring Headteachers understand the support and resources available from the CofE Birmingham to themselves, their staff and their governors. It provides Heads with an opportunity to raise any professional matters they wish to discuss.
- Mini-Retreats for Senior Leaders.
- Access to the New Head Teacher Programme.
- **On request, access to bespoke services** from the core Education team as outlined below, to take place either by telephone, e-mail or a diarised visit on a mutually agreed date:

Deputy Diocesan Director of Education - Charlotte Ward Lewis:

- Support for recruitment of senior staff.
- Support for school governance, including appointments and training.
- Support for secondments and school leadership opportunities.
- Preparation for Ofsted.
- Learning walk and teaching and learning support (half day).
- School improvement planning and school improvement advice and guidance.
- Data analysis half-day support (including analysis of 'ASP' and 'FFT').
- New Headteacher support.
- Safeguarding, pupil premium and special educational needs advice.

Church School Distinctiveness Advisor - Jill Stolberg:

- Support for SIAMS preparation and follow up.
- Support for the professional development and curriculum expertise of RE Co-ordinators and Collective Worship leaders.
- Bespoke support for developing high quality Collective Worship.
- Support for developing the distinctive nature/ethos of your Church school.

Assistant Director - Fr Barrie Scott:

- Support for developing working relationships with local churches and clergy.
- Provision of professional advice and support for senior leaders, clergy and governors of Church of England Schools, when requested.
- Pastoral care and support of clergy and senior leaders.
- Advice and support managing difficult situation (ie parents and external bodies).

Admissions & Appeals Officer - Rachel Raftery:

- Support and advice regarding admissions and appeals.

Director of Education - Sarah Smith

- Buildings and land related issues.

Additional benefits of being part of the Partnership Agreement: the following sessions are offered at reduced cost	Partnership charge	Non-partnership charge
Places (subject to availability) at the annual Church Schools Senior Leadership Conference (full day)	£95	£195
Place at annual Governor Conference (half day)	£30	£150
School leaders access to high quality termly Headteacher update/briefing regarding regulatory requirements for schools, through DRB	£180	£290
Place at SIAMS Leaders Conference (full day or equivalent)	£15	£185
Attendance at the annual RE Coordinators Conference (full day)	£15	£185
Collective Worship Network/support/event (as appropriate)	Max £15	£185
4 full days NQT training	£200	£500
3 full days RQT training	£180	£450
4 full days Building Blocks to Leadership (middle leader training)	£250 dependent on cohort numbers	£500
Access to facilitated subject-leader meetings, 4 per year per subject. (eg English, Maths, SENCOs, EY, Deputy Headteachers)	£50 per session or £150 for 4 sessions	£100 per session or £300 for 4 sessions
Clergy with Church School briefing (morning with lunch)	Free	Free
Discount on all St Matthew's Teaching & Research School events, as well as any other offers/promotions they do (other than <i>Talk for Writing</i>)	15% Discount	N/A

Important note re charges:

- Support for partnership schools from Jill Stolberg and Charlotte Ward- Lewis is at no cost; their support for non-Partnership schools will be charged at full cost: this is £225 per half day.
- Admission Appeals: these are FREE for Partnership schools *except* where the number of appeals (summer and in-year) exceeds 5 per annum, in which case the additional appeals will be charged at £50 per appeal. Non-partnership schools will be charged at a rate of £100 per appeal.
- Access to CofE Birmingham CPD programme is at heavily subsidised costs and is only available for Partnership schools.