



Supporting Church Schools

Introduction

The Supporting Church Schools Committee has been established to formulate and oversee a coherent strategy for existing and future church school provision across the Diocese in respect of their effectiveness, distinctiveness, rootedness and inclusivity and to monitor local and national developments that impact on this strategy.

Terms of Reference

This committee will act on behalf of the Board of Education in respect of the function outlined in the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 1991 (section 2):

- 1(a) to promote or assist in the promotion of education in the Diocese, being education which is consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England;
- 1(b) to promote or assist in the promotion of Religious Education and Religious Worship in schools in the Diocese.

The committee will monitor the work of the Diocesan officers and will:

- support & challenge schools and academies to deliver effective provision including RE and Collective worship
- contribute to the Local Authority's Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)
- work with parishes, deaneries, academy trusts and Local Authorities to identify, appoint, nurture, and develop high quality school leaders
- identify & provide a range of training for school leaders, staff, clergy, lay leaders and governors
- formulate, review and monitor all Diocesan Guidance and Policies, including for Admissions.
- nurture mutually supportive links between parishes and schools
- encourage and develop high quality school governors
- approve the appointment of Foundation Governors to Church Schools and to academies on behalf of the Diocese of Leicester Educational Trust (DLET)

- maintain oversight of the educational performance of schools and academies

The Committee will brief and make recommendations to the DBE as required.

Delegated Powers

- The committee is authorised by the DBE to formulate, review and monitor all Diocesan Guidance and Policies to be ratified at the full Board meeting
- The committee is authorised by the DBE & DLET for the appointment of Foundation governors/directors and to provide support and training for all Governors in all types of Church schools
- The committee will respond to Government initiatives via the Diocesan Director of Education

Membership

The core membership of this committee will consist of at least 3 members of the Diocesan Board of Education, If possible, the members will be from each archdeaconry. The Supporting Church Schools Committee will have the powers to invite additional people, who are not necessarily members of the Diocesan Board of Education, to augment the expertise of the group if appropriate.

In attendance:- The Director
 Assistant Director

The Chair of the DBE shall be an ex-officio member

Election of Chair

The Chair person will be elected by the Board of Education to serve for the term of the Board.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least three times a year.

Reporting

A summary of actions, from each meeting, to be submitted for the next DBE meeting

Quorum

The Committee shall be considered quorate if at least one third of its voting members are present.