

GUILDFORD DIOCESE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL & CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Composition of the sub-committee

Members are appointed by DBE with nominations from the DBF using the following categories:

- 2 members of the DBE
- 2 members of clergy
- 2 headteachers of Church and Community schools
- Other individuals can be co-opted for their expertise

The committee can co-opt additional members with the approval of the DBE.

The sub-committee should be chaired by a member of the DBE so they are able to report to the DBE at Board meetings.

DBE & DBF officers in attendance

- The School & Church Partnerships Adviser (who will act as the Lead Officer for the committee and convene the meetings)
- Mission Enabler Children and Families
- Diocesan Growing Faith Champion
- The DDE and Diocesan Secretary by invitation

Length of term

Members of the sub-committee will serve a three year term which aligns with the DBE election cycle.

The sub-committee will oversee the following aspects of the work of the DBE and the DBF:

- The implementation of the Diocesan Children and Families Strategy
- The development of strong partnerships between parishes and all schools within their parish
- The training designed to strengthen school and church partnership. Some of this will be part of the regular training plan, other events will be one off conferences and projects
- The development of the content of materials to support the school and church partnership including:
 - ❖ acts of worship to welcome a new Headteacher or Incumbent
 - ❖ the school and church partnerships audit tool
 - ❖ materials to use at recruitment of leadership posts
- Links with the work of the Youth Catalyst Project
- Developing the content of the annual Leavers Services
- Links with the national Growing Faith initiative
- The role and importance of Safeguarding in this area

The DBE will delegate decisions to this sub-committee as required and in consultation with the Bishop's Council (DBF)

This sub-committee will report to the DBE and make recommendations to the DBE and Bishop's Council (DBF) including:

- Future bids for funding of school and church partnership projects
- The monitoring of any grants or funds given for the purposes of School and Church partnerships
- Themes and speakers for conferences, Triennial, and clergy study days

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