



Rochester Diocese

Affiliation Scheme for Schools & Academies

Partnership Agreement between

..... School, and Church

and

the Diocese of Rochester.

As a school we will as appropriate:

- build upon our existing relationship with the local Anglican Church/ Churches (name/s), clergy and congregation, for the benefit of our pupils, families and the wider community
- value and seek to develop high standards of Religious Education, assemblies and spiritual, moral, social and cultural education
- make reference in our Prospectus of our Affiliation and links with the local church and Diocese
- seek to celebrate and develop the contribution of faith to our school life
- nominate a governor to be a 'link governor' for the diocese/parish, who will seek to maintain and build the relationship
- make mention of our affiliated status in publicity material

As a Diocese we will:

- support the building of personal relationships with the school and local church(es)

- enable schools to benefit from aspects of our RDFS and our SLA programme available to our church schools. Some, such as termly briefing sessions for head teachers/chairs of governors, are free. Others are charged at competitive rates – governor and staff professional development, RE co-ordinators briefings, etc
- make periodic visits to the school, in the spirit of a shared enterprise, upon invitation from the headteacher

As a local church community we will:

- maintain and develop the existing strong links with the school in close co-operation with the head teacher and the governing body
- seek to support and enrich the spiritual life and worship of the school in consultation with the head teacher and the governing body
- support the school in practical ways in consultation with the head teacher
- regularly pray for the school and make available individual prayer and other support as requested
- support events organised by the school and help publicise these as appropriate
- make mention of the school's affiliated status on any 'Statement of Needs' at the time of the appointment of new clergy
- offer to set up a Chaplaincy whereby the incumbent or other mutually agreed person, can be available to pupils, staff and parents, to provide spiritual support in times of need, serious illness, bereavement etc, subject to the setting of protocols and the availability of time.

Together – school, parish and diocese, we will:

- seek to support each other in the spirit of Christian fellowship and service of young people
- take opportunities for networking among ourselves
- share information and extend invitations to each other's events
- seek to find innovative ways to work together and learn from each other, in keeping with the spirit of this Agreement

Signed:
Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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Incumbent/Clergy

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Diocesan Director of Education

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