

2026/2027 Professional Development for Schools and Trusts

HOW TO BOOK

To book on a course/event go to <https://www.rdbe.org.uk/course-booking>

This is the only way to book a course. Use the calendar to navigate to the course you wish to book, click on the course name and complete the form to book. All courses show as 'free', but each has an associated cost which applies to those schools who do not subscribe to the partnership agreement – see the individual course information for more details. Please contact Louise Liddy (louise.liddy@rochester.anglican.org) with any queries.

It is essential that you book on courses in advance of attending, and that you cancel if you are unable to attend. We are committed to serving you and to providing good hospitality at all of our training events, our ability to do this is significantly hindered if we do not have accurate attendance figures in advance. Booking for face to face event will close 7 days in advance (earlier for some conferences). Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to training, or the full cost will be payable.

CHARGING STRUCTURE

As laid out in our [partnership agreement](#), the majority of our 2026/27 Professional Development is being offered free of charge to our Partnership Schools. Where we are unable to provide an event for free, it is significantly discounted for Partnership Schools. Schools not subscribing to the Partnership Agreement should see the booking page on the website for individual course charges

ON DEMAND TRAINING

The 'on demand' training offer is being developed. It can be accessed by logging into the website [here](#). The following on demand training is available now:

Leadership:

- New to Church School Governor Training

RE:

- Islam UKS2 subject knowledge and planning support
- Islam KS1 subject knowledge and planning support
- Sikhi LKS2 subject knowledge and planning support
- Hindu Dharma LKS2 subject knowledge and planning support
- Teaching Judaism KS2
- Teaching Judaism KS1
- Effective RE in EYFS

There are also other items in this section, including training slides and resources from previous training, and Grove Books.

If you are the leader of a partnership subscribing school and you do not have a log on to this area of the website, please contact Louise Liddy. It is not practical for us to provide multiple log in's for each school, you are therefore welcome to share this log in within your school, but please do not share it outside of your school. This is very important as we have strict licensing agreements for some of the content in this area.

If you do not subscribe to the partnership, the training listed above is available at cost of £50 per video, please contact Louise Liddy or Gemma Hitch to arrange purchase.

2026/27 Quick Reference Training List (Date order)

Date	Training	Time	Venue
11 th September 2026	Governor forum (repeat from 11 th June)	8:30 - 9:30	Online: Zoom
17 th September 2026	Getting Started with Let's Go Net Zero & Count Your Carbon (session 1 of 2)	1.30 – 2.30	Online: Zoom
22 nd September 2026	Help! I'm the new RE leader	9.30 – 12.30	Rochester Diocese Office
22 nd September 2026	Help! I'm the new Collective Worship leader	1.30 – 4.00	Rochester Diocese Office
23 rd September 2026	God & The Big Bang		Rochester Cathedral
25 th September 2026	InspiREd 2026 Cohort (session 4)	9.30 – 3.30	Online: Zoom Link from Canterbury
2 nd October 2026	Church School Leaders Network	8.30 – 12.30	Holiday Inn, Maidstone
5 th October 2026	Collective Worship Leaders Network Meeting	2:30 - 4:00	Online: Zoom
6 th October 2026	RE Leaders Face to Face Network (Group 1 – Rochester Group only)	2:30-4:30	Face to Face (regional location TBC)
7 th October 2026	Governor Forum	8.30 – 9.30	Online: Zoom
9 th October 2026	New to Church School Headship	9.30 – 3.30	Rochester Diocese Office
12 th October 2026	Pupil Justice Leaders - Every Voice Matters Session 1	9:30 – 3:30	Rochester Diocese Office
13 th October 2026	RE Leaders Face to Face Network (Group 2 – Bromley/Bexley Group only)	2:30 - 4:30	Face to Face (regional location TBC)
2 nd November 2026	Religion and World Views Pilot Group review & plan session	9.30 – 3.30	Rochester Diocese Office
3 rd November 2026	RE Leaders Face to Face Network (Group 3 – Tunbridge Wells/Sevenoaks Group only)	2:30 - 4:30	Face to Face (regional location TBC)
5 th November 2026	Climate Action Plan Workshop Part 2	1.30 – 3.00	Online: Zoom

11th November 2026	Preparing for your SIAMS inspection	9.30 – 3.30	St Faith's, Maidstone
24th November 2026	Understanding Christianity	9.30 – 12:30	Rochester Diocese Office
27th November 2026	InspiREd 2025 Cohort session 5	9.30 – 3.30	Online: Zoom
15th January 2027	Church School Leaders Network	8.30 – 12.30	Holiday Inn, Maidstone
18th January 2027	Collective Worship Leaders network	2.30 – 4.30	Online: Zoom
19th January 2027	Pupil Justice Leaders - Every Voice Matters Session 2	9:30 - 3:30	Rochester Diocese
22nd January 2027	InspiREd 2027 Cohort Session 1	9.30 – 3.30	Online: Zoom
29th January 2027	New to Church School Headship	9.30 – 3.30	Rochester Diocese Office
3rd February 2027	Governor Forum	8.30 – 9.30	Online: Zoom
4th February 2027	Collective Worship Leaders Conference	9.30 – 3.00	Rochester Diocese Office
9th February 2027	IQ5 Justice and Responsibility	1:00-4:00	Rochester Diocese Office
26th February 2027	InspiREd 2026 Cohort Session 2	9.30 – 3.30	Online: Zoom
12th March 2027	RE Leaders Conference	9.30 – 3.00	Bat and Ball Community Centre
16th March 2027	Developing Spirituality	9:30 - 3:30	St Benedict's Centre, West Malling
13th April 2027	RE and the Early Years	9:30-3:30	Rochester Diocese Office
30th April 2027	InspiREd 2026 Cohort Session 3	9.30 – 3.30	Online: Zoom
5TH May 2027	Preparing for your SIAMS inspection	9.30 – 3.30	St Faith's, Maidstone
17th May 2027	Pupil Justice Leaders - Celebration and Showcase	9:30 – 3:30	Bat and Ball Community Centre
18th May 2027	Collective Worship Leaders Network Meeting	4.00 – 5.30	Online: Zoom
9th June 2027	Governor Forum	8.30 – 9.30	Online: Zoom
11th June 2027	Church School Leaders Network	9.30 – 3.30	Holiday Inn, Maidstone
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6th July 2027	RE Leaders Face to Face Network (Group 3 – Tunbridge Wells/Sevenoaks Group only)	2.30 – 4.30	Face to Face (regional location TBC)