

York Diocesan Board of Education



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An Introduction

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Diocesan Board of Education

Every Church of England Diocese has by law a Diocesan Board of Education, constituted in accordance with the 1991 Diocesan Boards of Education Measure. This Measure charges the Board with the promotion of education in the Diocese consistent with the faith and practice of the Church of England and, specifically, with the promotion of religious education and worship in schools.



The Board has a special responsibility for supporting Church schools and their governors. In order to do this effectively, it must work with a wide range of other bodies and organisations, including trustees of church educational endowments, parishes, local authorities, other dioceses, the Church of England Education Office and the Department for Education on any matter affecting Church schools in the Diocese.

In the Diocese of York, the Board also has strategic oversight of work with children and young people in churches. This oversight links with *Growing Faith*, a commitment within the Church of England to intentionally link mission and ministry in schools, churches and households.

The Board is chaired by the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby. It has a broad membership including both the clergy and lay members from across the 3 archdeaconries. Its membership is regularly reviewed to ensure that it has a mix of skills and experience which best supports the Board's work in education and children and youth work. It has three Committees:

- The Property, Planning and Resources (PPR) Committee – which deals with DBE staffing and finance/accounts, property and trust matters, foundation governor appointments and other school organisation matters;
- The Schools Committee – which monitors school standards in Church of England schools and academies across the Diocese and supports them in the development of their Christian vision. Its work includes monitoring denominational and Ofsted inspection reports, the team's work on supporting RE across the Diocese, the support provided through the Board's Service Level Agreement with schools and the Board's training provision. This committee also facilitates and supports partnership working with local authorities, Regional School Commissioners and others involved in providing relevant support to Church of England schools; and
- The Children and Youth Committee – which supports and develops the Diocese's vision for children and youth, reviews and comments on strategy, policy and good working practices for Diocesan work with children and youth and provides a forum to help the Diocese plan and co-ordinate a programme of events and training for all those who work with children and youth.

The Board has established the Diocese of York Educational Trust (DYET) to act as the corporate member of academy trusts.

The Board is a member of DBE Services Ltd, a company providing educational services to schools in the Dioceses of Blackburn, Carlisle, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester and York.

Church Schools in the Diocese

There are 125 Church of England schools within the Diocese, including 112 primary, 6 infant, 3 junior and 4 secondary schools. There are circa 16,908 pupils attending provision in the Primary age phase and circa 4,769 students attending provision in the Secondary age phase. Of these schools, there are 89 maintained schools, including 12 Voluntary Aided schools, 74 Voluntary Controlled schools and 3 Foundation Schools. The remaining 36 schools are academies – this includes all 4 of the Church of England secondary schools within the Diocese.

The geographical area covered by the Diocese is extensive and the schools come within 7 local authorities. These are:

- City of York
- East Riding of Yorkshire
- Kingston-upon-Hull
- Leeds
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar & Cleveland
- Stockton-on-Tees.

There are no Church of England schools in Middlesbrough, though this too is within the Diocese, and the Church supports education there in many important ways. The Board and its schools work closely with these local authorities and many other partners to serve all children and young people in the Diocese.

Support for Schools within the Diocese of York

A team of Education officers supports and advises our diocesan family of schools and parishes and represents the Diocesan Board of Education within the Diocese and in the local authority and Department for Education contexts. Additional support is offered to both Church and Community schools through our Service Level Agreement (SLA), which assists their development and benefits the Church's mission in education across the Diocese. The Director of Education is responsible for managing and overseeing the work of the team, the Board and its Committees.



The Team

<p>Andrew Smith <i>Director of Education</i></p>	<p>Andrew is the Diocesan Director of Education and is responsible for managing the work of the Education Department and the lead officer in the development of the Board of Education strategy and policies for working with children and young people in schools, colleges and universities. He works closely with the Department for Education and local authority colleagues on all school matters, also providing advice and support to schools on academy and collaboration frameworks. He represents the Board in appropriate contexts at local and national level.</p>
<p>Claire Graham-Brown <i>Deputy Director of Education</i></p>	<p>Claire is responsible for governance in schools and academies, including overseeing the processes for recruitment of governors. She provides support on governance structures including on academy and collaborative frameworks. Claire oversees the work emerging from the Board of Education, Property, Planning and Resources Committee and a number of working groups.</p>
<p>Olivia Seymour <i>Assistant Director of Education (particular responsibility for church school, Christian distinctiveness, including SIAMS Manager, RE and Collective Worship)</i></p>	<p>Olivia manages the Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) process. She also works closely with the School Development Advisers to support schools in the development, monitoring and evaluation of their Christian distinctiveness, Religious Education and collective worship and in their preparation for SIAMS. She co-ordinates the Service Level Agreement and is the link adviser for a number of schools. Olivia also oversees the work emerging from the School Standards, Mission and Training Committee and offers support and training to clergy, chaplains and others who work with schools.</p>
<p>Alison Smith <i>Assistant Director of Education (responsibility for church school effectiveness)</i></p>	<p>Alison is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of schools and academies across the diocese, and helps to broker support for schools where it is needed. She supports collaborative relationships between schools and with other partners in order to share expertise and build capacity. Alison oversees the School Standards and Performance Committee and Headteacher appraisal. She also oversees Headteacher recruitment alongside Chelo Brooks.</p>
<p>Celia Wilson <i>School Development Adviser</i></p>	<p>Celia supports schools in the development, monitoring and evaluation of their Christian distinctiveness, Religious Education and collective worship and in their preparation for SIAMS. She delivers support to schools through our Service Level Agreement and is the link adviser for a number of schools.</p>
<p>Chelo Brooks <i>School Development Adviser</i></p>	<p>Chelo supports schools in the development, monitoring and evaluation of their Christian distinctiveness, Religious Education and collective worship and in their preparation for SIAMS. She delivers support to schools through our Service Level Agreement and is the link adviser for a number of schools. Chelo also supports Headteacher recruitment, induction and appraisal.</p>
<p>Philippa Boulding <i>School Development Adviser</i></p>	<p>Philippa supports schools in the development, monitoring and evaluation of their Christian distinctiveness, Religious Education and collective worship and in their preparation for SIAMS. She delivers support to schools through our Service Level Agreement and is the link adviser for a number of schools.</p>
<p>Simon Quartermaine <i>School Buildings Officer</i></p>	<p>Simon advises on school development, property and trust matters and is responsible for the financial management of capital projects in voluntary aided schools. He handles the Total Property Management scheme in conjunction with DBE Services Ltd and is involved in the project management of academy conversions.</p>
<p>Carolyn Edwards <i>Children & Youth Adviser</i></p>	<p>Carolyn will provide the strategic oversight for our ministry among children, young people and their families at every level throughout the Diocese and will commission consultants to work with parishes and deaneries on the things that are identified to be the priority at the local level. Carolyn will also work alongside Olivia to further support partnership working between parishes and schools.</p>
<p>Anita Ranyell <i>Team Administrator & PA to the Director of Education</i></p>	<p>Anita is the first point of contact for the Education Department and can direct queries to the appropriate member of the team. She handles communication with schools, bookings for conferences and training events, the administration of SIAMS and the appointment of foundation governors.</p>