



Training Overview

Autumn 2025 – Summer 2026

*Please note that we respond to the needs of our schools throughout the year
and our website is kept updated with changes and additions.*

Do check the website for the most current training available.

<https://www.derbydbe.org/training-and-events/>

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Transforming Lives, Growing Faith, Building Communities

Introduction

Our programme of events is designed to support church schools in realising their distinctively Christian vision. Living out the values of **generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love**, the DBE will support our diocesan family of schools to offer:

- life-giving, life-changing learning through excellent education, shaped by a distinctively Christ-like vision and ethos
- inclusive and inspirational Collective Worship, inviting all to grow in faith
- excellent Religious Education (RE), enabling children and young people to reflect critically and explore faith, belief, and Christian responses to life's big questions
- hospitality, hope and love to children, young people and households
- a sense of belonging to those of all faiths and none, building community near and far, local and global

This is our core purpose; it is why we exist – everything we do will fit with this.

We have aimed to structure our support through a pathway of careers within a school namely:

- Early Career Teachers
- Teachers
- Support Staff
- RE & Collective Worship Leaders
- New Headteachers
- Serving Headteachers
- Executive Headteachers
- Governors & Clergy

Some events will combine people from different areas of the school workforce as we believe that powerful learning can take place between staff members. Please note that although we separate training into different areas of the school workforce, this does not exclude someone from a different area of the school staff to attend. For example, an RE lead might offer the RE lead training to a teacher they work with as part of their ongoing CPD. Our training programme is flexible to meet the needs of your school; we appreciate all schools operate differently.

We have also signposted support from other key providers that you may find useful. Most of our events will support practitioners in community schools as well, if in doubt do contact the Deputy Director of Education at liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Event Details

Each event will be listed on the webpage with details including price, location and the booking link. They are listed [HERE](#). All details will be updated ready for the autumn term.

Bookings

All bookings should be made through the DBE (Diocesan Board of Education) website. All events will be listed on the events page of the website [HERE](#). If you are unsure of how to book or cannot find the correct page or event, please email liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Fees

Unless otherwise stated, fees are per participant. The lower price listed is for schools who sign up to the DBE Partnership Agreement (PA). Where one fee is quoted, it is a fixed price for any school.

Venues

We offer a mix of online and face-to-face events. Sometimes we ask schools to host a networking meeting; if this is the case, we liaise directly with the relevant networking group. If the event is at Church House, Derby you will be asked for your car registration if you would like to park onsite. Derby Cathedral organise parking and your registration will be put onto the system to grant you free parking for the session.

Recordings

This year we are offering the opportunity to receive recordings of the DBE led training sessions - not RE Today led sessions. You can choose to attend the event and receive the recording or to just receive the recording. The fee is the same whether you attend or just receive the recording.

Terms and Conditions

The DBE require at least 10 working days' notice of a cancellation. Refunds may only be possible in exceptional circumstances. Before cancelling, always consider whether another person could benefit from attending the event.

Where the course comprises several parts, the price is for all sessions. Unless indicated otherwise, the same participant is expected to attend all the sessions and the school will therefore be invoiced for ALL sessions.

Invoices are usually issued 1 week before the event is scheduled to take place. We respectfully request payment within 30 days of the date of the invoice.

The DBE reserve the right to cancel any event should there be insufficient bookings to make the event viable. Where this is the case, applicants will be notified and refunded any fees paid

Early Career Teachers (NQT / RQT)

This training is essential for all new teachers, whether starting a teaching career in a church school or community school. The recent OFSTED RE research report and the ECT framework are clear on the essential nature of subject knowledge CPD. RE is often a subject that teachers feel less confident teaching and this programme will improve both RE subject knowledge and confidence. The sessions are led by RE Today and will not be recorded.

If you have attended these sessions previously, it will still be relevant to access the sessions below this academic year.

ECTs are also encouraged to access the webinars outlined at the end of this CPD programme.

Why RE?

Wednesday 14 January 2026 13:00 – 15:00

Online

Subject knowledge in RE/Religion and World Views

Thursday 23 April 2026 13:00 – 15:00

Online

Fee for both sessions: PA £60 / Non PA £120 (per school)

Booking form [HERE](#)

RE Training

RE Termly Briefings

with Debbie Yeomans from RE today. These sessions will share national updates.

AUTUMN

Tuesday 16 September 2025 15:45 – 16:45

Online

SPRING

Thursday 08 January 2026 15:45 – 16:45

Online

SUMMER

Tuesday 21 April 2026 15:45 – 16:45

Online

Fee per session: Free to all schools. Please book below.

Booking form [HERE](#)

Understanding Christianity – Refresher Workshop

This is an in-person event for any schools already using the Understanding Christianity resource. It is a useful session for any teacher needing a refresher or an introduction.

Wednesday 24 September 09:30 – 12:00 or 13:00 – 15:30

Belper St John's CE Primary School

Tuesday 24 March 2025 09:30 – 12:00 or 13:00 – 15:30

Church House, Full Street, Derby

Tuesday 30 June 2025 09:30 – 12:00 or 13:00 – 15:30

Glossop – exact location TBC

Fee: PA £40 / Non PA £85

Booking Form [HERE](#)

If you require a new folder of resources – 9 units and the resource booklets for each key stage (frieze, frieze booklet, teacher's guide, UC information and website guide) please indicate this on the booking form. There will be an additional £75 charge.

Understanding Christianity Refresher INSET

We are now able to offer this as an INSET for your school. There is flexibility over how this can be delivered. Please email Liz to discuss liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Fee: PA £100 / Non PA £200

Help! New RE Coordinators

This course is ideal for new subject leaders and will take place during 3 online sessions: 1 session in each term. This gives great support to a new subject leader in a community or a church school during their early days of leading the subject.

NB: This course needs attendance at all 3 sessions.

Thursday 20 November 2025, 13:00 – 16:30

Online

Tuesday 03 March 2026, 15:45 – 17:15

Online

Monday 08 June 2026, 15:45 – 17:15

Online

Fee for all 3 sessions: PA £95 / Non PA £135

Booking form [HERE](#)

Primary RE Development Training

This programme is useful for RE Subject Leads, teachers, support staff and any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE. These are delivered in person by Debbie Yeomans RE Today.

3 dates / venues are offered for each session (the content is repeated so you only need attend 1)

Session 1 – Autumn Term

Focus: Subject Knowledge and progression in substantive concepts

Monday 06 October 2025 13:30 – 16:30 Church House, Derby

Tuesday 07 October 2025 09:00 – 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Tuesday 07 October 2025 13:30 – 16:30 Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Session 2 – Spring Term

Focus: Practical Examples of Ways of Knowing

Wednesday 04 March 2026 13:30 – 16:30 Chapel-en-le-Frith CE Primary School

Thursday 05 March 2026 09:00 – 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 05 March 2026 13:30 – 16:30 Church House, Derby

Session 3 – Summer Term

Focus: Understanding Christianity as a Global Faith

Tuesday 23 June 2026 13:00 – 16:00 Church House, Derby

Wednesday 24 June 2026 09:00 – 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Wednesday 24 June 2025 13:30 – 16:30 Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85

Booking form [HERE](#)

SIAMS Framework Training

Updated SIAMS Framework Training

This training is useful to any member of staff or governor in your school. It is a 2-hour session and explains the whole of the new framework and what to expect in terms of the practicalities of a SIAMS inspection. It will look at the SEF and monitoring and evaluation, as well as giving you an opportunity to think about what your action points may be for each of the inspection questions.

This training is useful for anyone who wants to be able to get to know the new framework better or for anyone who is new to the SIAMS process.

Please note that all the below sessions are the same; different times have been offered to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. This will be recorded on Wednesday 22 October.

Wednesday 22 October 2025, 15:30 – 17:30

Online

Tuesday 24 February 2026, 13:00 – 15:00

Online

Wednesday 06 May 2026, 18:00 – 20:00

Online

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40

Booking form [HERE](#)

SIAMS Networking Training

This networking allows staff to dive into aspects of the SIAMS Framework. There will be presentations from senior leaders, RE advisers and SIAMS inspectors, as well as the use of breakout rooms to enable you to network with other schools about how best to move forward in a particular area and discuss what it means to be a church school. These sessions will be recorded.

*Please note that both sessions for each inspection question are the same.
2 sessions are offered to allow staff to choose the time which suits them best.*

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40 per session

BUNDLE FEE (all networking sessions): PA £100 / £200

Booking form [HERE](#)

Inspection question 1 networking – Theologically rooted Christian Vision

Friday 26 September 2025, 13:00 – 14:30, online

Monday 12 January 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Inspection question 2 networking – How is the curriculum a reflection of the Christian Vision?

Wednesday 08 October 2025, 13:00 – 14:30, online

Thursday 12 February 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Inspection question 3 networking – Collective Worship and Spirituality

Wednesday 15 October 2025, 13:00 – 14:30, online

Tuesday 03 March 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Inspection question 4 networking – Theologically rooted Christian vision and treating people well.

Wednesday 05 November 2025, 13:00 – 14:30, online

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Inspection question 5 networking – Justice and responsibility

Wednesday 19 November 2025, 13:00 – 14:30, online

Thursday 30 April 2026, 16:00 – 17:30 online

Inspection question 6/7 networking – Religious Education with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

Thursday 27 November 2025, 16:00 – 17:30, online

Thursday 07 May 2026, 16:00 – 17:30, online

New Headteachers, Heads of School and EHT intro and commissioning

The DBE funds an Induction Programme for all headteachers, heads of school and executive headteachers. We encourage anyone who is new to headship in a church school to access all parts, regardless of whether you have worked in a church school in the past.

Booking form [HERE](#)

Introduction to the DBE team

A chance to learn all about the functions of the DBE, meet the DBE staff team, learn about our different roles and how we can support you.

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 11:30 – 15:00

Church House, Full Street, Derby

Lunch will be provided

Welcome Commissioning Service

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 15:00 – 16:00

Derby Cathedral with Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm

Essential Webinars

- Admissions
- Buildings & Governance

Links to the above 2 webinars will be provided free of charge as part of the Induction Programme.

We also have many other webinars which we recommend new headteachers watch (see p18 of this programme for details)

Please do try to attend the headteachers' monthly briefings – dates overleaf. These are a good, regular way of connecting with the diocese and to gain support for leading a church school.

Serving and New Headteachers / Heads of School

Headteacher monthly briefings sessions are held online

- Monday 22 September 2025, 10:00 – 11:00
- Wednesday 22 October 2025, 10:30 – 11:30
- Tuesday 25 November 2025, 11:00 –12:00
- Thursday 15 January 2026, 13:30 – 14:30
- Thursday 12 February 2026, 10:00 –11:00
- Monday 16 March 2026, 10:00 – 11:00
- Tuesday 19 May 2026, 10:00 – 11:00
- Tuesday 16 June 2026, 13:30 – 14:30
- Tuesday 21 July 2026, 13:30 – 14:30

You do not need to book these briefings and details will be emailed to all headteachers a few days before the event. The briefings may include speakers from a variety of organisations which will help support your schools in your Christian distinctiveness. It also gives an opportunity for questions, discussion and sharing ideas with other headteachers.

DBE Headteacher Conference: Eco School Life Thursday 18 June 2026

The theme of this year's conference will be 'Care for Creation'.

Delegates will be welcomed to the conference with the opportunity to engage with keynote speakers and a range of partners and sponsors who will join us for the day.

Speakers and venue to be confirmed

Fee: PA £75 / Non PA £95

Governors & Clergy

Governor monthly briefings

Sessions are held online 19:00 – 20:00

- Monday 22 September 2025
- Wednesday 22 October 2025
- Monday 24 November 2025
- Thursday 15 January 2026
- Thursday 12 February 2026
- Monday 16 March 2026
- Tuesday 19 May 2026
- Monday 22 June 2026
- Tuesday 21 July 2026

You do not need to book a place. Details will be emailed to all governors approximately 1 week before. These briefings are particularly helpful for chairs, but any governor is welcome to join. The briefings will give a summary of the presentations from headteacher briefings, with lots of opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with one another. Governors who have attended these sessions report that they find them supportive and helpful.

DBE Governor Two-Part Training Programme

Sessions are held online 18:00 – 20:00

Part 1

Tuesday 19 November 2025, or Tuesday 14 April 2026

Part 2

Tuesday 13 January 2026, or Tuesday 16 June 2026 with Debbie Yeomans from RE Today

This programme is essential for new governors and those who have not accessed DBE training for a while and would benefit from refreshing their knowledge of what it means to be a governor of a church school. This course provides the firm foundations required to carry out your role effectively as well as networking and discussion time with other governors in the diocese.

This is for ANY governor of a church school not just foundation governors.

These sessions will be led by Liz Seymour, the Deputy Director for Education and Debbie Yeomans from RE Today.

Through the programme you will explore:

- What a church school is (and is not)
- The importance of ethos and vision
- RE in a church school
- SIAMS
- Collective Worship

Fee for both sessions: PA £125 / Non PA £250 (per school)
PA £25 / Non PA £40 (individual governor)

Booking Form [HERE](#)

Bespoke Governor Support

Members of the DBE team are also available to provide bespoke training for governing bodies on the development and/or review of your Christian vision: SIAMS. This can be delivered online or face to face.

Please contact liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org or officeDBE@derby.anglican.org to discuss your requirements.

Monitoring and Evaluating life as a Church School

You will explore diverse ways to monitor and evaluate and the roles of school leaders, pupils and governors. Both webinars will run from 18:00 – 20:00 and will be recorded.

The session is offered on 2 dates.

- Tuesday 30 September 2025
- Monday 18 May 2026

Fee: PA £25 / Non PA £40

Booking form [HERE](#)

Collective Worship briefings

Sessions are held online 16:00 – 17:00. These will be recorded as they are delivered.

- Monday 20 October 2025
- Monday 03 November 2025
- Tuesday 13 January 2026
- Tuesday 10 February 2026
- Tuesday 17 March 2026
- Monday 18 May 2026
- Tuesday 16 June 2026

The collective worship briefings are a regular opportunity for staff to meet and share ideas on how they structure and run their collective worship. They are open to all staff with any involvement in collective worship, for example collective worship leads, head teachers, teachers, and support staff.

This [LINK](#) takes you to DBE guidance and links to websites with other resource ideas. We are keen to include further ideas from schools; please do let us know of any collective worship resources that you are happy to share by emailing liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Pupil Day

The Pupil Day is designed to get students actively engaged with the RE curriculum. This is an in-person 1-day event for year 2 and year 3 pupils.

Schools are invited to bring up to 6 pupils and staff to accompany them. Videos and supporting resources are created by Debbie Yeomans from RE Today:

Caring for Creation

Wednesday 03 June 2026, 09:30 - 14:30

Venue TBC

Fees: PA £70 / Non PA £100 (per school)

Booking form [HERE](#)

Webinars

Webinars are pre-recorded and can be accessed anytime. They cover a range of content related to life in a church school and would be relevant for a variety of school staff. We are updating and re-recording all our webinars over the summer holidays, so please note new content will be available from September 2025.

- SIAMS Framework
- What does it mean to work in a CofE school
- Exploring Children's Spirituality
- Planning and Leading Collective Worship
- Appeals and Admissions
- Help! A new SIAMS Framework
- Buildings
- Governance
- Clerking in a CofE school

Fee per webinar: PA free / Non PA £25

If you would like access to any of our webinars, please email officeDBE@derby.anglican.org for links.

Schools who do not subscribe to the PA, are able to access webinars at a cost of £25 each.

You are welcome to email liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org if after watching a webinar, you have any questions which you would like to discuss in more detail.

Reminder about bookings

All bookings should be made through the DBE website. Bookings will be open at the start of the academic year, so you will need to look on the website in September. Bookings cannot be made in advance of then. All events will be listed on the events page of the website [HERE](#)

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