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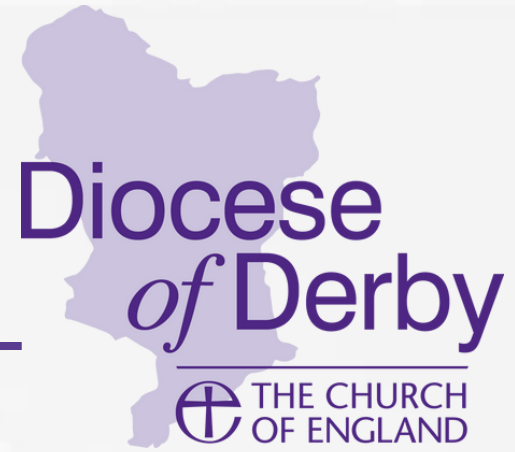
# AGENDA 20 October

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# Moving Forwards

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- Governor briefings – will continue – foci?
- School Support – will continue
- Governor Training – will continue

How else can we work with you?

Please email [liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org](mailto:liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org)

# Statement of Entitlement 2019

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- What is this document?
- [re-statement-of-entitlement-for-church-schools.pdf](#)
- This sets out what pupils should expect in a Church of England school in regards to religious education.
- Provision, profile and priority of RE
- Curriculum statement and curriculum balance
- Developing staff expertise and knowledge
- The role of DBEs
- Support for effective and excellent RE

# SACREs (Standing Advisory Council for RE)

- A SACRE is unique. The law says that RE must be taught in all schools and a SACRE's role is to advise its local authority on what needs to be done to improve religious education (RE) and collective worship (CW) for schools in its area. This is because RE is not part of the National Curriculum; it is a local responsibility. Through the SACRE, local communities and teachers have the opportunity to influence directly what pupils learn in RE.

What are a SACRE's duties? The SACRE's main function is to advise the local authority on matters related to the religious education, which follows the locally agreed syllabus, and on collective worship in schools. It:

- can require the LA to review its agreed syllabus;
- must consider applications from a head teacher that the school be allowed to modify the 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character' requirement for collective worship. (This is known as a determination.);
- must publish an annual report of its work.

In a broader sense, a SACRE's role is to support good RE and collective worship within its schools by:

- giving advice on ways of teaching RE according to the locally Agreed Syllabus, including the choice of teaching materials;
- monitoring schools' provision for RE and collective worship as well as the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC) of pupils;
- advising the LA on the provision of training for teachers in RE;
- considering complaints about the provision and delivery of religious education and collective worship referred to it by the LA.

NASACRE [HERE](#)

# Hallowe'en – Guidance

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- Halloween celebrations are increasingly becoming part of British secular culture. However, many Christian groups, including churches and individual parents and carers regard any involvement by adults or children in Halloween celebrations as dangerous. They hold the view that such involvement encourages a trivial approach to the occult and occult practices, including violence and abuse. Whilst this is not a view held by all Christians it must be recognised as an increasingly popular and legitimate one. As such, schools need to deal sensitively with the genuine and deeply held views by parents and groups in their local community. Many Christians claim any celebration of Halloween, which is increasingly being claimed as a pagan festival, as unhelpful or inappropriate in a church school context.
- The DBE would discourage schools from organising or engaging with Halloween based activities in their communities. Halloween does not reflect All Hallows Eve (31 October), the night before All Saints Day (01 November.) All Saints Day is a major Christian festival within the Anglican tradition and as such the DBE would expect it to be recognised and celebrated in Church of England schools. The emphasis therefore ought to fall on the positive celebration of these two days rather than on the secular recognition of Halloween. This should be done in a way that respects the beliefs of all children and promotes their positive development.

# Hallowe'en

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- The traditions of Halloween, alongside the recent influence of American practices (in particular 'trick or treating' and the threat these pose to elderly or isolated peoples) as well as the commercial exploitation and manipulation of children's fascination with 'magic' are issues the school should raise in appropriate ways as part of children's social, moral and cultural development.
- There is an increasing culture of churches and other Christian groups offering alternative celebration events in place of Halloween activities. Many churches and cathedrals run 'Light' parties for children and families in the community. The DBE would encourage schools to be involved in such positive events in collaboration and partnership with the local church.
- Guidance [HERE](#)

# FREE RE Online Courses

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## Professional Development Opportunities from Culham St Gabriel's

- A variety of short courses online. These can be undertaken by teachers, support staff, leaders including governors.
- [Home | CSTGM](#)
- They also have other events and host the RE:Online website which has a lot of information around different religions.
- [Home - RE:ONLINE](#)

# ADMISSION POLICIES

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Admissions Policies - for VA Schools and Academies we request a copy is sent to the DBE by the end of November.

[officedbe@derby.Anglican.org](mailto:officedbe@derby.Anglican.org)

If you are in the School Partnership Agreement there is the added benefit of our admission consultant who will check your policy. However, please be aware that legal responsibility lies with the admissions authority.

If you are consulting please send your draft policy to us by 01 November before you commence formal consultation.

Thank you

# CPD Programme 2025-26

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- Headteacher Conference – Thursday 18 June 2026 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- ECTs – two sessions in the spring and summer
- Subject Leadership – New to RE Leadership – three sessions, Primary Development Training
- SIAMS – General framework training
  - IQ sessions focused on each question so if that is a specific area to develop
- Governor Training – role of governor, monitoring and evaluation
- Pupil Day
- Understanding Christianity Refreshers – in person or can be arranged for INSETs, twilights

# CPD Programme 2025-26

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## **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 sessions below are the same, different times have been offered to make it as accessible to as many people as possible. This will be recorded on Wed 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](#)

# CPD Programme 2025-26

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## **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 any new governors and for 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 will give you the firm foundations you need 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](#)

# CPD Programme 2025-26

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## 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. This will be recorded.

The session is offered on 2 dates.

Tuesday 01 October 2025 – change of date

Monday 18 May 2026

**Fee:** PA £25 / Non PA £40

Booking form [HERE](#)

# SIAMS List 2025-26

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Bakewell CE Infant School  
Bradley CE Primary School  
Bradwell CE Primary School  
Derby Cathedral School  
Edale CE Primary School  
Great Hucklow CE Primary School

Horsley CE Primary School  
Pilsley CE Primary School  
St George's CE Primary School (Church  
Greasley)  
St Giles CE Primary School (Matlock)  
Walton On Trent CE Primary and Nursery  
School  
William Gilbert Endowed CE Primary School

# SIAMS Inspected in 2019 & 2020

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## 2019

St Oswald's CE PS (19)  
Barlow CE PS  
Sale & Davys CE PS  
Baslow St Anne's CE PS  
Belper St John's CE PS  
Castleton CE PS  
Cromford CE PS  
Derby St Chad's CE PS  
Eyam CE PS  
Fairfield CE PS  
Fritchley CE PS  
Kirk Langley CE PS  
Netherseal St Peter's CE PS  
Rosliston CE PS  
St Weburgh's CE PS  
Stoney Middleton CE PS  
Taddington&Priestcliffe  
Bishop's Pursglove CE PS Tideswell  
Winster CE PS

## 2020

Brailsford CE PS  
Church Broughton CE PS  
Crich CE Infs  
Darley Churchtown CE PS  
Dinting CE PS  
Killamarsh St Giles CE PS

# SIAMS inspected in 2019 & 2020

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- Put your SEF together with a focus on impact
- Audit the school curriculum in light of the existing vision
- Explore spirituality with the staff – is there a shared understanding
- Explore justice and responsibility understanding with pupils
- Ensure all relevant staff and governors are attending DBE training associated with SIAMs.
- Ensure all staff and governors are familiar with current SIAMS framework
- Communicate with DBE regularly and share what you are doing
- Check the Statement of Entitlement for RE is being met and local and national RE developments are taken into consideration

# SIAMS PREP

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- Please do contact me if you would like a visit.
- I am happy to review SEFs, websites etc
- During visits I am happy to speak with pupils or staff.
- [liz.Seymour@derby.anglican.org](mailto:liz.Seymour@derby.anglican.org)

# SIAMS NETWORK TRAINING

## 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 will be recorded.

**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

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

### Inspection question 2 networking –

#### How is the curriculum a reflection of the Christian Vision?

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

### Inspection question 3 networking –

#### Collective Worship and Spirituality

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

Monday 24 November 2025, 16:00-17:30, online

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

# Parliament Week – 24-30 Nov

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UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. It's a great way to find out new things about UK Parliament or be reminded of things you might've forgotten! [You'll get a free kit](#) to help you get informed about your UK Parliament, take action and make an impact on the issues you care about.

With over 10,000 activities last year, UK Parliament Week was celebrated in all sorts of ways.

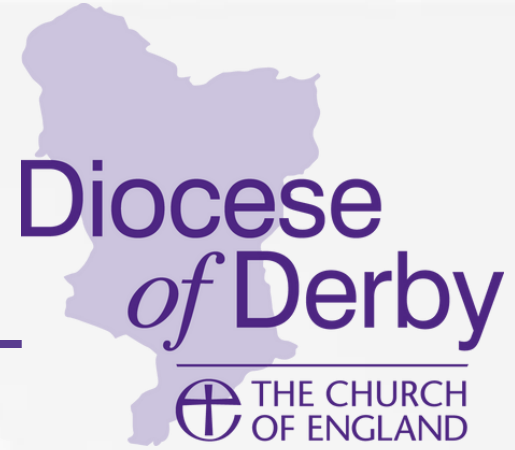
Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- lively debates and quizzes
- discussing issues and holding votes
- creating petitions
- themed assemblies and school council elections
- baking, crafting and colouring
- meeting your MP, a member of the Lords, local councillors, mayors, MLAs, MSs or MSPs – either in person or virtually

If you want to explore further or get started before your kit arrives check out our [online resources](#).

# Eco Schools – Count your carbon

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Count Your Carbon from Eco Schools

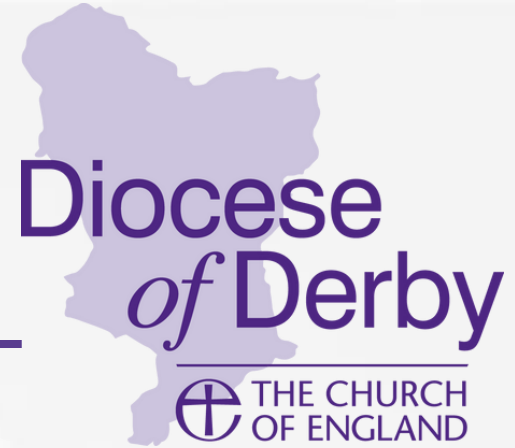
Every year in England, schools emit more than 10 million tonnes of carbon. What if we could do something to change that?

Link to information [HERE](#)

Updated for 2025-26 [HERE](#)

# Eco Schools – Let's Go Zero

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Let's Go Zero have experts who offer free advice [HERE](#)

Free Online training [HERE](#)

Some example online workshops coming up are

**Waste Less, Save More: Practical Actions for Sustainable Schools**

**Tuesday 4 November**

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Healthier school dinners to please planet and pupils? - Not just pie in the sky!**

**Tuesday 2 December**

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Energy - buildings & retrofit**

**Tuesday 20 January 2026**

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

More information coming soon

**Future-proof your pupils!**

**Wednesday 4 February 2026**

**3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

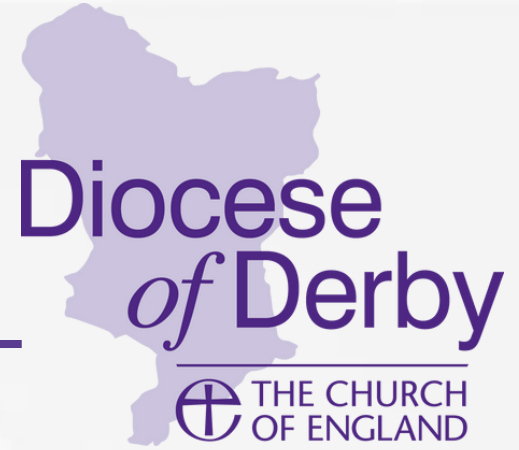
# FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

- Website page with all the information about governance [HERE](#)
- This is for LA Maintained schools. Academies have a different process with their MAT.

Nominations for terms of office ending	Closing date for receipt of paperwork	Papers published to the Board for approval	DBE Meeting date
Up to the end of Feb 2026	04 Nov 2025	18 Nov 2025	25 Nov 2025
Up to the end of June 2026	04 March 2026	18 March 2026	25 March 2026
Up to the end of October 2026	16 June 2026	30 June 2026	07 July 2026

# Diocese of Derby

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Link to their News update page and sign up for emails [HERE](#)

# FUTURE BRIEFING DATES

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- **Headteacher Briefings**
- Wednesday 22 October 2025, 10:30 - 11:30
- Tuesday 25 November 2025, 10.30 -11:30
- 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 2025, 13:30 -14:30

# FUTURE BRIEFING DATES

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- **Collective Worship Briefings 16:00-17:00**
- Monday 03 November 2025 – Lent and Easter
- Tuesday 13 January 2026 – Music and Singing in CW
- Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Justice and Responsibility and CW
- Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Spirituality and CW
- Monday 18 May 2026 – CW and SEND
- Tuesday 16 June 2025 – Creation tide and Harvest

# FUTURE BRIEFING DATES - GOV

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These are from 19:00-20:00. I will be recording these as I deliver them.

## **2025-26 – The dates have been updated.**

- 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

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# Diocesan Prayer

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## Vision Prayer

Gracious God,

in your mercy and for your glory,  
renew us, reshape us, revive us –

with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –  
that, in transformed lives through growing church and building  
community,

we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.

Amen.



**Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community**  
**THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL**

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