



Professional Development Training Overview

Autumn 2026 – Summer 2027

*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 different staff members. We would like to note that although we separate the 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. It can be flexible to meet the needs of your school as they do all run differently.

We have also signposted support from other key providers that may also be useful to you. 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

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. 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 fixed 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 there. Derby Cathedral organise parking and your registration will be put onto the system to grant you free parking for the session.

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.

Headteachers' Conference will be invoiced at the end of April. 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.

DBE School Partnership Agreement

Schools Partnership Agreement Autumn 2026 – Summer 2027

The vision of the Derby Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) is to support our schools to transform the lives of children and young people; grow faith and build community. Living out the values of **generous faith, courageous hope** and **life-giving love**, Derby DBE will support our diocesan family of schools to offer:

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None of our schools can achieve this on their own. We are a family of church schools and partnership is a fundamental principle. Partnership takes many forms including relationships with other church and community schools, local clergy, church community and the wider diocese through the DBE.

Derby DBE receives no public money. It is reliant on income from investments (closed church schools) and from the wider diocesan budget (ultimately from the voluntary giving of churchgoers). By signing up, your school is making an important contribution to our partnership. Each school is a valued part of the Diocese of Derby and so the DBE is committed to support each valued, family member. This document summarises services offered by Derby DBE under the following headings:

1. Religious Education, Collective Worship & SIAMS
2. Training & Development Opportunities
3. Leadership & Management, including Church School Ethos
4. Governors, Governance & Admissions
5. School Buildings & Diocesan Trust Deed Issues

Most diocesan Church of England schools subscribe to a DBE Partnership Agreement. We are very aware of the constant demands on schools' budgets and seek to provide our support at an affordable level. Schools will usually recoup the cost of signing up.

Sign up form [HERE](#)

Further Information [HERE](#)

Fees for 2026 – 27 Academic Year (01 September 2026 to 31 August 2027)

Number of pupils	2025 - 26 Cost	Early Bird Discount Sign up by 24/07/26
Up to 50 pupils	£250	£225
51 - 100	£400	£360
101 - 150	£500	£450
151 - 250	£550	£495
251 - 350	£600	£540
351 and above	£750	£675

Early Career Teachers

This programme 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 of CPD will improve both RE subject knowledge and confidence.

Timings have been carefully considered to try and allow staff to travel home for the virtual sessions. If possible, we politely request that staff are allowed to leave slightly earlier on this day to allow them to access the training at home.

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.

The Intent of The RE Curriculum

Wednesday 13 January 2027 13:00 – 15:30 Online

Subject knowledge in RE/Religion and worldviews

Wednesday 13 April 2027 15:30-17:30 - Online

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

Booking form [HERE](#)

RE Training

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.

Friday 16 October 2026, 09:30 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 16:00

Venue: Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR

Wednesday 16 March 2027 09:30-12:30 or 13:00 – 16:00

Venue: North East Derbyshire

Monday 30 June 2027 09:00 – 12:00 or 13:00-16:00

Venue: Peak and Dales

Fee: PA £50 / Non PA £100

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 could be delivered – INSET, staff meetings or twilight session. . Please email Liz to discuss liz.seymour@derby.anglican.org

Fee: To be agreed dependent on delivery sessions (approx. PA £100/Non PA £250)

Help! New RE Coordinators with Debbie Yeomans RE Today

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.

Expressions of interest [HERE](#)

Dates: 18 November, 04 March, 15 June

Fee for all 3 sessions: PA £85 / Non PA £170

FREE RE Termly Briefings

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

AUTUMN

Wednesday 30 September 2026 15:45-16:45

Online

SPRING

Thursday 21 January 2027 15:45 – 16:45

Online

SUMMER

Wednesday 21 April 2027 15:45 – 16:45

Online

Fee per session: Free to all schools.

The link will be sent to RE Leads and the office email.

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

Wednesday 21 October 2026, 13:30-16:30 Derby Church House

Thursday 22 October 2026, 09:00-12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 22 October 2026, 13:30-16:30 St Luke's CE Primary School, Glossop

Session 2 – Spring Term

Wednesday 24 February 2027, 13:30 - 16:30 St Luke's CE Primary School, Glossop

Thursday 25 February 2027, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 25 February 2027, 13:30 - 16:30 Derby Church House

Session 3 – Summer Term

Wednesday 26 May 2027, 13:30 - 16:30 Derby Church House

Thursday 27 May 2027, 09:00 - 12:00 Hartington Village Hall

Thursday 27 May 2027, 13:30 - 16:30 St Luke's CE Primary School, Glossop

Fee per session: PA £50 / Non PA £100

(£120/£270 if all three booked at the same time – one invoice)

Booking form [HERE](#)

Coming for Autumn 2027 an RE Conference

Spend the day exploring rich diversity within and across religions and non-religious communities.

Schools within the School Partnership will receive one free place.

Delegates - £100 non PA (£75 per second delegate from the same school)

Friday 22 October 2027 –Save The Date

Expressions of Interest [HERE](#)

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.

Monday 05 October 2026, 18:00-20:00 Online

Wednesday 24 March 2027, 13:00 - 15:00 Online

Tuesday 18 May 2027, 16.30 -18:30 Online

Fee: PA £40 / Non PA £80

Booking form [HERE](#)

SIAMS Networking

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.

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 £40 / Non PA £80 per session

BUNDLE FEE (all networking sessions): PA £125/Non PA £250

Booking form [HERE](#)

Inspection question 1 networking – Theologically rooted Christian Vision

Thursday 24 September 2026, 13:30 – 15:00, online

Monday 11 January 2027, 16:00-17:30, online

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

Monday 05 October 2026, 13:30-15:00, online

Tuesday 26 January 2027, 16:30 -18:00, online

Inspection question 3 networking – Collective Worship and Spirituality

Monday 19 October 2026, 13:30-15:00, online

Thursday 11 February 2027, 16:00 – 17:30, online

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

Monday 02 November 2026, 13.30-15:00, online

Monday 08 March 2027, 16:00-17:30, online

Inspection question 5 networking – Justice and responsibility

Wednesday 18 November 2026, 13:30-15:00, online

Monday 22 March 2027, 16:00 – 17:30 online

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

Thursday 26 November 2026, 16:00-17:30, online

Thursday 06 May 2027, 16:00-17:30, online

New Headteachers and Heads of School Induction and Commissioning

The DBE funds an Induction Programme for all headteachers (and heads of school). 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 life as a headteacher of a church school

Wednesday 30 September 2026 10:00 start followed by the commissioning service

- 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.
- What is distinctive about leading a school with a Church of England ethos
- How are you accountable for Christian distinctiveness through the SIAMS process.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Church House
Full Street
Derby
DE1 3DR

Parking is available behind Church House in St Martin's Lane Car Park. We will require your car registration.

Followed by the

Welcome Commissioning Service

15:30 - 16:30
Derby Cathedral

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

- Tuesday 29 September 2026, 10:00 - 11:00
- Friday 23 October 2026, 13:30 - 14:30
- Monday 23 November 2026, 10:30 -11:30
- Tuesday 12 January 2027, 13:30 - 14:30
- Thursday 11 February 2027, 13:30 -14:30
- Friday 12 March 2027, 10:30 -11:30
- Wednesday 05 May 2027, 10:00 -11:00
- Thursday 10 June 2027, 13:30 - 14:30
- Monday 5 July 2027, 10:00 -11:00

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, courageous advocacy, and curriculum. It also gives an opportunity for questions, discussion and sharing ideas with other headteachers.

DBE Headteacher Conference

Transform, Grow Build

Tuesday 22 June 2027 The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

The theme of this year's conference will be the 'Transform' and we will be joined by keynote speakers who will be exploring the opportunities and challenges of transformational leadership.

In addition to the keynote speakers, delegates will be welcomed to the conference and will have the opportunity to engage with a range of partners and sponsors who will join us for the day.

Fee: PA £100 / Non PA £150

Booking form [HERE](#)

Governors & Clergy

Governor monthly briefings

Sessions are held online 19:00 - 20:00

- Tuesday 29 September 2026
- Wednesday 21 October 2026
- Monday 23 November 2026
- Monday 11 January 2027
- Thursday 11 February 2027
- Wednesday 10 March 2027
- Wednesday 05 May 2027
- Thursday 10 June 2027
- Monday 05 July 2027

You do not need to book a place for briefings. Details will be emailed to all governors before the event. These events are particularly helpful for chairs, but any governor is welcome to join. The briefings will give a summary of the presentations that were given in the headteacher briefing, 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

Autumn Term

Part 1 - Monday 19 October 2026

Part 2 - Monday 09 November 2026 with Debbie Yeomans (National RE Advisor from RE Today)

Summer Term

Part 1 - Tuesday 25 May 2027

Part 2 - Monday 14 June 2027 with Debbie Yeomans (National RE Advisor 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.

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 £50/ Non PA £100 (individual governor)

Booking Form [HERE](#)

Monitoring and Evaluating life as a Church School Webinar

You will explore diverse ways to evaluation and monitor. Both webinars will run from 18:00 - 20:00

The session is offered on 2 dates – the content is repeated, so please attend only 1 of the sessions.

- Tuesday 06 October 2026 or
- Monday 10 May 2027

Fee: PA £40 / Non PA £80

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. Sessions are usually planned to run for 2 hours.

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

Collective Worship Briefings

Sessions are held online 16:00 – 17:00

- Wednesday 14 October 2026
- Monday 09 November 2026
- Tuesday 12 January 2027 – CHANGE OF DATE
- Tuesday 23 February 2027
- Wednesday 24 March 2027
- Tuesday 18 May 2027
- Monday 14 June 2027

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 [HERE](#) takes you to DBE guidance and links to websites with further 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 a face-to-face 1-day event for Year 1 and 2.

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:

Friday 25 June 2027, 09:30 - 14:30

Venue: Tideswell Community Hall

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 2024.

- 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 can be made through the links contained in this programme of events or through the website links once they have been updated. The website will be updated during August 2026. All events will be listed on the events page of the website [HERE](#)

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