

Romans 15 v13

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit’

Dear Colleagues

I hope you all had a refreshing break during Half Term. I am very aware that the next few weeks are some of the busiest in the year so do take care of yourselves.

When we reach the end of this term, we will sadly be saying thank you and goodbye to our DEPS (Diocesan Effectiveness Partners). I am very grateful to them for their dedication and expertise. It has been wonderful to be able to offer this additional provision to schools, and we are very grateful to the Diocesan Synod who granted this substantial and generous one-off allocation of funding to enable us to provide this. The fund has now run out and therefore we must work differently.

We realise this change to the way we work will concern some of you but we are determined to make sure you still receive the quality of support needed. However, contrary to some suggestions, this does not mean that you will not be receiving the second visit provided within the SLA. As you know we hope to have appointed additional School Effectiveness Officers who will be available as soon as possible and we will still be able to access some limited consultancy resources. In addition we still have our current team based in Church House

Please bear with us as we make this transition but I would urge you to communicate directly with us on this issue. Please do take the initiative and e-mail or phone the member of the team who you think will be able to help you most in order to book a visit. Our office phone number is 01273 425687.

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In addition to visiting your school, do remember to access our training programme.

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Please pray for us in November as we seek to appoint our new School Effectiveness Officers. We have also asked a couple of our Headteachers to join our interview panel and provide 'on the ground' wisdom. It is so important to find the right people for roles such as these and balancing hours and locations will always be a challenge.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Diocesan Briefings over the last few weeks. Overall, the numbers attending were comfortably up on last year and we hope you found the information given was of value. However, these meetings really find their worth in the opportunities they provide for us to meet on another. Thank you for the time you gave.

I am writing to you all very soon after the announcement of the General Election on 12 December. This inevitably introduces new levels of uncertainty with the educational environment as change often follows events like this. As schools I do urge you to pray for our country and that God's hand will be upon us.

I do wish you all well for the month ahead. Remember we are here if you need us.

Yours sincerely

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