

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

Christmas is coming! I know this will be a very busy and lively time. It is always exciting to see our communities come together to celebrate but I am also aware of the pressure it puts on our school leaders in terms of time, energy and the sheer commitment to greeting, welcoming and leading the community. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

It is with some sadness that we say farewell to our Diocesan Effectiveness Partners at the end of this month. They have done some excellent work for us and amongst you all. Sadly, the funding stream for this has now run out and we are being asked to work in a different way. This in no way reflects on the quality of work they have done and we are very grateful to them and on occasions we will still be needing some consultation work in specific areas. We are expanding our own team at Church House to cover the work done directly with schools.

Some schools have asked how we will continue to fulfil the condition of our Partnership Agreement now DEPs have come to an end. Well, we still have a sizeable team here and you are welcome to access any one you might require from the list below:

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We are also carrying out a recruitment process for [School Effectiveness Officers](#) in the new year. Once appointed they will be looking to meet as many of you as soon as possible too. I will keep you updated. In the meantime do have a look at these opportunities. They are advertised in a number of places but you can find all the details you need on our website:

<https://schools.chichester.anglican.org> Do consider these crucial roles carefully. Could you be the right person for it? Do you know somebody else who might be? Feel free to contact us for further information. The closing date is Friday 3 January 2020.

I would like to remind you of our [Headteachers Conference](#) that is scheduled for 27 March 2020 at Ashdown Park Hotel. This year we are looking at how churches and schools can work together more closely. If you choose you can bring a member of your local clergy with you, but that is not a compulsory requirement. It promises to be a really good day. However, as we have widened the audience a little, we need to know numbers as soon as possible. Do book early, you can book via [Eventbrite](#). Whilst on Eventbrite do check out [Training Programme](#) which can also be found on our [website](#).

I do hope you have a good couple of weeks in the midst of all the busyness and excitement. My prayer is that Christmas will be a time of joy for you and your communities and a time of rest and peace when you reach the end of term for a well earned holiday.

Best wishes

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