

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 good Christmas and you have come back to the New Year refreshed and encouraged.

January is often a busy time for us in the Education Team and this year is no exception. Later this month we are carrying out the interviews for our new School Effectiveness Officers. We are looking to add to the strong support offered by Ruth, Mandy and Cathy who already carry out this work in partnership with Rosie who leads on SIAMS and Rose on Governance. These posts will help cover the work previously done by our DEPs. Several schools have asked how the work of the DEPs will be covered now we have ended that arrangement. In response to this we believe that these new appointments will offer a high calibre of support based firmly within the Education Team in a structure that will offer financial sustainability. Do pray for us and the Headteachers we have asked to support us in this process. Please pray that we will be given the wisdom to appoint the best people for these roles. I will update you in February regarding the decision we have made and how the support system will work.

I'd like to remind you that our annual Headteachers Conference takes place on 27 March 2020. It is entitled 'Church and School – Together and Inspired' and will focus on the relationship between our congregations and our schools which is so central to the mission of the church in our communities. We are very excited about the speakers we have secured. For those of you who joined us last year, you will also be very aware of what a lovely venue the Ashdown Park Hotel is. We are needing to get a sense of numbers so please do confirm your attendance by registering on the [Eventbrite link](#) sent to you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you embark on this new term. I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks ahead.

Best wishes

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