



Strategic Partnership of Diocesan MATs

Our family of trusts





With the publication of the education White Paper - Opportunities for All, it is clear that the landscape in which our Church of England schools across the Diocese of Chichester operate is going to significantly change and evolve in the coming years.

In response to these wider developments, the Diocesan Board of Education and our local Church-Majority Multi Academy Trusts, have set up the Strategic Partnership of Diocesan MATs (SPDM). The aim of SPDM is to present a coherent "Diocese of Chichester Offer" that amounts to a supportive and attractive approach to our schools.

Whilst our schools are all distinct in character, our common life as members of the household of faith is enriched and strengthened by this wonderful diversity. In order to retain this diversity whilst building up the life of the whole, the SPDM will seek to support all our schools on their journey into the future envisaged by the White Paper. The Diocesan Board of Education is working closely with the SPDM to ensure that we continue to serve the Church of England schools of this Diocese as partners in our common mission and ministry.

You will see in this pamphlet that our Diocesan MATs are distinct in character. However, the ethos of each, as Church of England Multi Academy Trusts, coupled with the ongoing relationship of each to the Diocesan Board of Education, ensures that, together, we will continue to support a strong Christian presence in every community.

This pamphlet provides you with the contact information for all our Trusts but you should also feel able to contact the Diocesan Board of Education through our Education Team at schools@chichester.anglican.org.



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Bishop Luffa
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

What is your vision?

"They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats full."
Luke 5:7

We believe that a partnership based on shared values strengthens everyone involved. Together we can provide a full experience of school for the young people that the Trust serves.

What does your trust offer its schools

Our strength is in the business of running a school. We aim to give Head Teachers in the Partnership the space and resources to be creative leaders of the curriculum in their schools.

Inclusion is at the heart of our vision and the first Executive appointment in the Trust was for a Trust SENDCo. It is important to us that all our schools have the highest quality support for learners with SEND and their families.

We believe strongly in personal development and provide opportunities for our staff to continue learning.

It is central to our vision that children and young people across the partnership work together. We believe that developing student voice and leadership across the partnership makes us stronger.

We are committed to working with other similar sized Trusts to provide quality assurance and development opportunities. We aim to offer partner schools the access to resources that large Trusts offer but with greater opportunity to respond creatively to their context.

What do you hope a school will offer your trust?

A willingness to be full partners with colleagues in other schools. A belief that an education focused on the whole child and grounded in the Christian faith provides the best foundation for a full and happy life.

What are your hopes for your trust in 10 years' time?

Our vision for ten years' time is to be a strong and happy partnership that shares its strengths and challenges to provide students with 'life in all its fullness'.

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What is your vision?

Bishop Otter Academy Trust seeks to equip every child with 'Wisdom for Life' through an inspirational, innovative and inclusive education underpinned by Christian values. We aim to be a pioneering community where we strive for transformational educational excellence and pastoral care through effective partnership working within and beyond the trust.

What does your trust offer its schools

We offer an exciting opportunity for schools to become pioneers in shaping and establishing our new diocesan trust or family of schools.

The trust supports local governors and senior leaders to focus more on children, community and Christian distinctiveness – and less on bureaucracy and back office functions. We are mindful of staff workload and the mental health of all in our school communities. At the heart of this is facilitating collaborative and efficient working.

We provide a range of back office functions including finance, HR, payroll, insurance, premises, compliance management and more.

Our trustees and senior leaders have a wide range of experience and educational expertise and we work with a network of professionals and

service providers. We want to support our schools drive improvement so that every child has the education they deserve. We are committed to enabling all children in our schools to be equipped with 'Wisdom for Life'.

What do you hope a school will offer your trust?

We are looking for schools who are passionate about children and are committed to providing an excellent education embedded with Christian values. We want school leaders who want to use their expertise and collaborate for the benefit all. Ambitious leaders are invited to join, drive and shape our new trust.

What your hopes for your trust in 10 years' time?

Our aim is to be a strong trust containing many successful schools, who work together to drive excellent results. We want to see church-school partnership thrive where families have the opportunity to 'know, love and follow' Jesus. We want happy, well-educated children leaving our schools, equipped with 'Wisdom for Life'.

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Location

West: Chichester, Fareham, Bournemouth, and the Isle of Wight.
East: Hastings, East Sussex rural hub, Eastbourne.



What is your vision?

Vision: Helping every child achieve their God-given potential

Values: Wisdom, Respect, Aspiration

Approach: Each school retains autonomy and governance

Culture: children are at the heart; positive relationships; value uniqueness of our schools; provide quality, practical in-school support; collaborative model based on investment in our staff.

What does your trust offer its schools

To realise our Vision, we aim to add value for our staff. This includes:

- Outstanding trust funded leaders (SELs) in schools with sleeves rolled up
- Trust leads (currently: RE, English, Maths, and assessment)
- DCAT CPD programme for staff
- Subject/SENCo networks
- Paid supervision for all Lead DSLs
- Free access to counselling for all staff across the Trust

Add value for our children. This includes:

- Children across DCAT make above average progress
- SEND and Disadvantaged children perform well above national averages
- Funded Speech and Language Therapy input

- Paid counselling for children (£250,000 from September)

- DCAT additional enrichment events.

Add financial value. e.g.

- As a Trust with well over 3000 children, our schools benefit from capital money automatically received direct from the DfE. This is on top of what schools receive at present. Our schools have shared 1.78 million in the past few years
- We have fund raised £380,000 in past 3 years which is paying for counselling for children, expanding our CPD programme for staff and developing our capacity and expertise for digital and innovation.

What do you hope a school will offer your trust?

An absolute willingness to collaborate and take part and contribute to our family of schools.

What are your hopes for your trust in 10 years' time?

Continue to deliver on our Christian Vision of helping every child reach their God given potential.

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What is your vision?

To create a community of schools who share the Trust's Christian ethos and vision for education; schools where leaders and staff are committed to first-class practice with a common objective of working towards outstanding: not just in Ofsted terminology, but by providing a genuinely outstanding experience for all the children within the Trust.

What does your trust offer its schools

Sharply focussed on the "Good to Outstanding" journey, the Trust offers excellent educational support, leadership and guidance as well as a high-quality administrative support service. This includes the usual services such as financial/accounting support, Human Resources, payroll, Health & Safety, Data Protection, and IT support designed in a way which enables leaders to focus on teaching and learning.

Due to the unique way in which the Trust is supported by Hurstpierpoint College, the Trust offers low cost of membership. Children within the Trust also benefit from the occasional use of the College's 140-acre campus including specific amenities including the Chapel, the Theatre, a wide-range of sports facilities

(including a pool) and specialist teaching facilities. Staff within the Trust benefit from a comprehensive CPD programme and leaders gain access to The Key and a wide range of online CPD provided by the National College.

What do you hope a school will offer your trust?

The Hurst Education Trust is keen to hear from schools where the leadership and staff are eager to work with others to create an outstanding environment where the sharing of practice is seen as the standard and who are committed to working collegiately for the benefit all the children in the Trust.

What your hopes for your trust in 10 years' time?

Initially, the Trust will be a geographically close family of schools, Primary and Secondary, within Mid Sussex. The Trust may evolve over time into a small number of local hubs each with a group of schools working closely together.

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Want to know more?

If your school is considering academisation, please contact the Diocese Education Department as soon as possible to discuss your options and the process of conversion.

The Diocese of Chichester Academisation Policy
can be found by visiting:

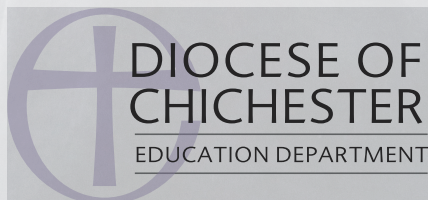
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An academisation toolkit, FAQ's and glossary of terms
can be found by visiting:

<https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/academies/>

Further information on academisation for Church Schools in the Diocese
of Chichester is available from the Education Team. Please email us at:

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