

Director: Mr Trevor Cristin

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to the new half term- I hope you all managed to have a proper break. This is always a packed and hectic term and we continue to pray for all colleagues involved in the ongoing assessment processes whether that be in primary or secondary school. Your staff are in our prayers but we particularly remember our young people for whom this can be such a challenging time.

I would like to thank all our leaders in VA schools for their cooperation in responding to our request for an initial site inspection relating to RAAC. We are fully aware of how challenging this has been for you and please be assured that the deadlines involved came somewhat suddenly to us from the DfE. The information that you are providing is enabling us to prioritise so that both the governing bodies and the Board of Education can be assured of responsible risk mitigation. I must emphasise how much we appreciate your cooperation. If you have not returned your individual site inspection response, we would be very grateful if we could have it as soon as possible. However, if there is anything that we can do to assist you further please do contact us.

I would like to inform you that our final Diocesan Briefing of the year will take place on July 13th at 4:30pm. This will be scheduled to last less than an hour and it is a chance for us to say thank you for all that you have done and keep you updated on key information. You can register for this briefing using this [link](#).

I will also be writing to you towards the end of June to offer details about NPQ courses that will become more accessible to you in the next academic year. Two strands will be offered by our colleagues at the Church of England Education Office. Firstly, NPQSmall is an online provision targeted at small schools, (children less than 150 pupils). There will be generous financial support offered to small schools to support this initiative. In addition, we are also working with Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership who are growing their provision in partnership with the Church of England for in-person training using the face to face NPQ route. The courses available will support prospective and serving head teachers, those preparing for senior leadership in schools, those looking to undertake responsibility for behaviour and well-being, those who are looking to lead CPD and those who want to develop their skills as subject leaders. We are excited by both routes of opportunity that we hope, when the plans are finalised, will make the Church of England training offer easy for you to engage with. The final details of this will come in the letter in June but I wanted to give you warning in advance so that you can start planning ahead.

Every year the Diocese supports the [Ride and Stride](#) day. This year, this will take place on Saturday September 9th. The aim of this is for families to either cycle or walk between the various beautiful churches that we have across the diocese. This is generally a sponsored event with all the funds going to support the Historic Churches Trust. We have included the relevant information regarding this event elsewhere in e-news. This could allow for some work within our Growing Partnerships initiative if your church is one of those taking part but all are welcome. Schools would not need to necessarily take part in the event on the day itself but you may wish to consider shared sponsored events, cake sales or fundraising activities with your church community. Not every church in the diocese is taking part in this but you may wish to consult with your parish clergy or churchwardens

to see if this is a shared activity that would be of benefit or reward for your local community. Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Our Leavers' Celebration Services are coming and as we approach them, I would just like to highlight the work of the partnership that our retiring collections will be supporting. All the money raised will be going to Family Support Work (FSW). FSW are an organisation within the Diocese of Chichester who offer people and resources to work alongside families in need across the diocese. We are delighted that the organisation now covers all our deaneries, but they obviously need as much resource as possible in order to meet what is an ever-growing demand. There is a little more detail in the statement below and we hope that schools will be able to support this work when they attend our services.



[Family Support Work](#) is a Diocesan charity that has supported families in crisis since 1890. We help families experiencing multiple challenges to access appropriate services, develop coping strategies and build their confidence to become stronger. We also provide a range of drop-in services, support groups and family activities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our services in the weeks ahead. Thank you for all you continue to do for the diocese and for your communities.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Trevor Cristin'.

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