

Training Brochure 2025-2026

Diocese of Chichester Education



Welcome to our Training Brochure

The Diocese of Chichester is home to 154 schools across three Local Authorities and a selection of Multi Academy Trusts. We are uniquely placed to walk alongside school leaders, supporting them in their work which enables their schools and communities to flourish. Working with such a large group of schools our work is founded on the Diocese of Chichester' Christian principles and expectations of the Diocesan Board of Education Measure.

Each year our training programme provides opportunities to join with others across the Diocese to learn together on a range of continuing professional development offers. There is typically a wealth of networks, workshops, courses and briefings which are both remote and face to face.

The majority of courses are available to schools that have signed up to the Diocesan Partnership Agreement at no extra charge. There is a minimal charge for larger events such as the Headteachers Conference; any courses with a different pricing structure are marked*

All courses are booked via [TryBooking](#).

Wellbeing

Wellbeing and pastoral support are key priorities for the Diocesan Education Team's work with schools, and particularly with school leaders, as they respond to the diverse challenges of their roles.

The School Effectiveness Officers (SEO) provide pastoral support and listening ears for school staff and all previous or serving headteachers. The SEO team understand the pressures of school leadership and are able to empathise and support. Simply contact the school's named SEO by phone or email and they will respond as soon as possible.

Resources

There are a number of resources in boxes which can be loaned to schools free of charge. The list of resource boxes is on the [Diocesan website](#). To use any of these resources please contact the Education department's office team schools@chichester.anglican.org to arrange pickup or delivery.

There are specific resources for bereavement in schools which can be accessed in the same way or through contacting your SEO.

SIAMS		
Autumn 2025		
SIAMS This Year! (by invitation only)	Thurs 18.09.25 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	Ensure you are properly prepared for your SIAMS inspection this year. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of the school life that will demonstrate how you meet the expectations of the Inspection Questions (IQs) in your next inspection. We will discuss being 'theologically rooted' and how to know that Christian spirituality pervades your school.
SIAMS Self evaluation	Thurs 18.09.25 13:00-16:00 Church House, Hove	Self-evaluation is an integral part of Church school development and preparation for SIAMS. Led by experienced inspectors, this session will focus your understanding of the SIAMS process and how best to share the impact of your school's Christian vision. We will explore the SIAMS Inspection Questions in detail and support you in considering what to include what to include and what not to include in the SIAMS SEF. We would encourage school leaders to attend with a governor as this enhances the impact of the training.
Collective Worship and Spirituality	Thurs 25.09.25 09:00-13:00 Church House, Hove	Collective Worship can be the 'heartbeat' of your school. Discover how to make worship the best part of every school day for all members of your school. From planning inspirational and invitational worship times, to selecting hymns. There will be ideas on delivering exciting transformational concepts in worship with your school. Ideas on how to use feedback and evaluation to continually improve worship and keep it fresh!
SIAMS		
Spring 2026		
SIAMS Ready	Thurs 15.01.26 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	Ensure you are well informed regarding the expectations of a SIAMS inspection. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of school life that demonstrate how you meet the requirements of the Inspection Questions (IQs). We will discuss having a 'theologically rooted' vision and how to know that Christian spirituality pervades your school.
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RE Leadership	Thurs 05.02.26 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	RE is considered to be a core subject in a Church school. This course will ensure you are aware of the legal expectations in leading in a Church schools and inform you of key documentation to be considered. Best practice in RE will be discussed including planning, curriculum content, schemes of work, pedagogy and assessment.
SIAMS Ready	Thurs 19.03.26 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	Repeat Session. Ensure you are well informed regarding the expectations of a SIAMS inspection. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of school life that demonstrate how you meet the requirements of the Inspection Questions (IQs). We will discuss having a 'theologically rooted' vision and how to know that Christian spirituality pervades your school.

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SIAMS Self evaluation	Thurs 21.05.26 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	Repeat Session. Self-evaluation is an integral part of Church school development and preparation for SIAMS. Led by experienced inspectors, this session will focus your understanding of the SIAMS process and how best to share the impact of your school's Christian vision. We will explore the SIAMS Inspection Questions in detail and support you in considering what to include what to include and what not to include in the SIAMS SEF. We would encourage school leaders to attend with a governor as this enhances the impact of the training.
SIAMS Surgery (Summer)	Thurs 21.05.26 14:00-16:00 Church House, Hove	A one-stop-shop for all your SIAMS questions and clarification
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SIAMS next year! (by invitation only)	Thurs 02.07.26 09:30-12:30 Church House, Hove	Ensure you are properly prepared for your SIAMS inspection next year. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of the school life that will demonstrate how you meet the expectations of the Inspection Questions (IQs) in your next inspection. We will discuss being 'theologically rooted' and how to know that Christian spirituality pervades your school.

LEADERSHIP		
Autumn 2025		
Headteacher Induction Programme Day 1 * (by invitation only)	Weds 24.09.25 10:00-15:00 Church House, Hove	This is a compulsory course for all new heads of Church schools in the Diocese. We are looking forward to welcoming you and giving you the opportunity to meet the team here in Church House! The day is packed with helpful information and invaluable materials to set you up for success in your new Church school headship. You will be informed about your Diocesan context and matters that are bespoke to Church schools so that you can be confident as the leader of your school. Be prepared for a fun day and the opportunity to meet future friends from across the 3 LAs in the Diocese.
Climate Action Planning Seminar	Weds 24.09.25 15:30-16:30 TEAMS	Award winning charity Ashden, are continuing to support our schools via their 'Let's Go Zero' campaign to help build climate action plans. We are co-hosting this seminar with them followed up with a workshop on October 20th. Over twenty of our schools are already on this journey, come join us to start yours.
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Heads & Governors Briefing	Thurs 16.10.25 16:30-17:30 ZOOM	This on-line Briefing is a magazine style presentation to ensure you are kept up to date on recent changes in education and information that will be helpful to you in leading your Church school. A range of short inputs from a range of people will enable you to keep up to speed with the ever- changing world of education in a Church school!
Climate Action Planning Follow-Up Workshop	Mon 20.10.25 15:30-17:00 TEAMS	Following the introductory seminars on Climate Action Plans provided by the team at the Let's Go Zero campaign, we are pleased to invite you to join a workshop on building your climate action plan.
Land and Building Management for Church schools	Thurs 23.10.25 10:00-12:00 ZOOM	For headteachers, school business managers and governors of Church schools focussing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • permissions required for capital works; • bidding for SCA capital funding for SCA for VA schools; • and Net Zero in Church schools
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Headteacher Induction Programme Day 2 * (by invitation only)	Thurs 12.02.26 10:00-16:00 Church House, Hove	This is the second day for New Heads in Church schools across the Diocese. Key aspects of leading a Church school will include leading Collective Worship ideas, how to have an effective inspiring theologically rooted vision and how to ensure your Christian distinctiveness inspires all aspects of your school, including your curriculum, so that even Ofsted inspectors are impressed! We will also look at how to be well prepared to lead your school through a successful SIAMS inspection.
Headteachers' Conference *	Friday 06.03.26 09:00-16:00 Ashdown Park Hotel	Join with other Church school leaders from across the Diocese for a day to consider topical issues and be refreshed in a beautiful setting with 2 course lunch. Be inspired by a range of speakers and have time to meet with other heads and the whole Diocesan Education team.

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Quiet Retreat Day	Thurs 07.05.26 10:00-16:00 tbc	Book in a day as a well-deserved treat for you. As Jesus said in Mark's gospel, "Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while.' For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.' Does that resonate with you? This is an opportunity to take some Dedicated Headship time and find some stillness and peace. Reflections will be led and there will be time to walk and sit in a beautiful setting and join others for a light lunch.
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Headteacher Induction Programme Day 3 * (by invitation only)	Tues 14.07.26 10:00-16:00 Church House, Hove	<p>This is the third day for New Heads in Church schools across the Diocese. Key aspects of leading a Church school will include important information on land and buildings and we will explore managing key aspects of leading a church school. Managing people through change will also be a focus.</p> <p>The day will also be an opportunity to celebrate completing your first year in headship of a Church school with other members of the Diocesan team in Church House.</p>

RE		
Autumn 2025		
RE Subject Leaders network	Thurs 20.11.25 16:00-18:00 ZOOM	An opportunity for RE Subject Leaders to meet with one another and the Diocesan RE Officer to update on the current trends and challenges for the leadership of RE in a Church school. Keep up to date with research and feedback from recent SIAMS inspections to inform your own leadership decisions.
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GOVERNANCE

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SIAMS for Governors	Thurs 25.09.25 18:00-20:00 ZOOM	Ensure you are properly prepared for your SIAMS inspection. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of the school life that will demonstrate how you are assured through monitoring and meetings that the school is able to meet the expectations of the Inspection Questions (IQs) in your next inspection.
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Admissions drop in for Governors	Thurs 09.10.25 14:00-16:00 ZOOM	A one-stop-shop for all your Admissions questions and for clarification for those in Voluntary Aided Church schools. It would be helpful if you could supply us with your Admissions Policy and SIF a week in advance of the meeting.
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Governance of a Church School	Thurs 06.11.25 18:00-20:00 ZOOM	Find out what it means to be a governor in a church school (which does vary from one type of school to another). Meet with other governors to discuss the role and responsibilities of governance specific to a Church School. The session will cover everything from strategic leadership, accountability mechanisms and appointment processes to pastoral care! Learn more about expectations for foundation governors.

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CoGs briefing	Thurs 19.03.26 10:00-12:00 ZOOM	An informal opportunity for Chairs of Governors to meet with one another and the Diocesan Governance Officer to update on the current trends and challenges for school governors.
GOVERNANCE Summer 2026		
SIAMS for Governors	Thurs 30.04.26 09:30-11:30 Church House, Hove	Repeat session. Ensure you are properly prepared for your SIAMS inspection. Review the quality of the evidence in your SIAMS SEF and consider the various aspects of the school life that will demonstrate how you are assured through monitoring and meetings that the school is able to meet the expectations of the Inspection Questions (IQs) in your next inspection.
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