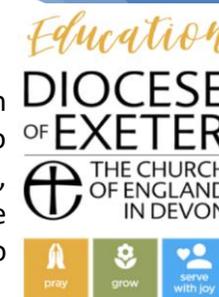


# EDUCATION NEWSLETTER FROM THE EDUCATION TEAM AT THE DIOCESE OF EXETER



Dear Colleagues,

I do hope that you have had a good summer break and have had time to relax, to enjoy your own interests and to catch up with family and friends.

Your planning for a safe and smooth return to school will undoubtedly have taken significant time and thought. As ever, your knowledge, care and desire to do the best for our school communities is evident and it is this that will give your families and staff confidence.

We all know that school will look quite different and as yet there is no 'new normal'. The future is quite uncertain and it is your leadership that will anchor your communities and enable staff to be creative in meeting the needs of learners and their families, enabling them to look forward with hope and trust.

One of the things I like most about schools in the Diocese of Exeter (both church and community) is how we pull together for mutual benefit, particularly when times are challenging. Your own support networks will continue to be important in providing you with practical and emotional support. Please remember that we are also here for you. I know you will join with me in welcoming new school leaders and in encouraging all to make sure they are well connected.

We are holding a virtual School Leadership Forum, for school staff, on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am – 11am. I encourage you to attend as we come together for the first time since March. It will be important to carve out time for your own professional networks and development to help sustain you throughout this very long term!

Thank you for all you are doing to ensure a positive start back to school. You, your staff and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sue Lockwood*

Interim Diocesan Director of Education

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7*

**Back to School Service:** Diocesan Children's Mission Advisors Helen and Clare are inviting schools to join with them in an online 'Back to School' service featuring contributions from children across Devon, contemporary worship and some biblical wisdom as we face the changes and challenges of the next few months. It will be available to view from 10:00 on Sunday 6 September.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/worship/sunday-services-to-watch-online/>

**Programme of networks and training opportunities:** To see what is on offer from the Education team during the Autumn term 2020, please visit <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-08-05-Training-and-Networks-Programme-Autumn-Term-2020-FINAL.pdf>

**Service Level Agreement:** Due to the Covid-19 situation, we shall not be issuing a new Service Level Agreement to start this term. If you have hours remaining from 2019/20's subscription, please contact us to make a booking as these hours should be used by Christmas 2020. In January 2021 a new SLA period will start and run for the calendar year. If you would like to subscribe, your school(s) will benefit from additional training and bespoke services, and be supporting the Education team's work for the benefit of all. Please visit <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-2021-SLA-May-2020-v1.pdf>

**Considering the NPQH for yourself, or for a staff member?** The CofEPQH allows you to achieve the NPQH and to consider how to translate the Church of England Vision for Education into reality. To find out more visit <https://www.cefel.org.uk/cofepqh/> and register for a 'find out more' session on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, at 4pm or 8pm.

**Contact details:** Your school will have received an email via your clerk asking for up-to-date contact details. We know that previously some of you have not been receiving our mailings and we wish to do all we can to ensure our communications are both effective and worthwhile. We are happy to receive feedback!

**Education Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020:** For ideas, resources and an inter-generational service on YouTube, provided by Churches together in England, visit [www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2020](http://www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2020)

**Diocesan Leadership Forum, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 – 11:00:** Containing the usual updates plus an input from Lorwyn Randall about an evidence-based tiered approach to help schools meet the needs of learners most at risk of underachieving.