

Exeter Diocesan Board of Education Committee

To enable all, through the love of God in Jesus Christ, to 'live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10b)

Nurture vision-inspired education; **Nourish** personal and spiritual growth; **Enable** connected communities that flourish



Exeter Flourishing Partnership 2026-2027

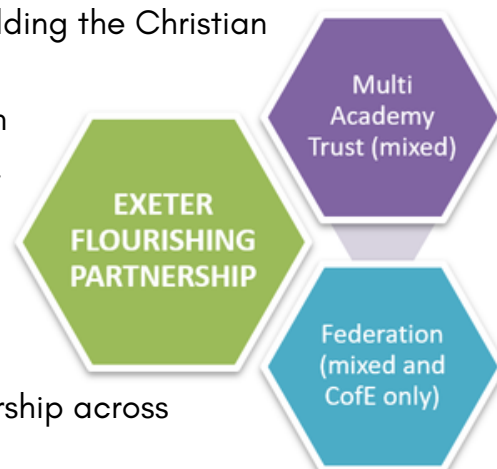
The Exeter Flourishing Partnership (EFP), inspired by our vision, demonstrates a shared commitment to flourishing church schools across the Diocese of Exeter. It is intended to be a deep, collaborative and beneficial relationship and nourishing partnership between the Diocesan Education Team, the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education Committee (EDBE) and academy trusts/federations. EFP provides rich, meaningful and formative opportunities for engagement to enrich church school distinctiveness.



It will enable those involved to be increasingly effective in upholding the Christian Foundation of their Church of England Schools by equipping leaders with enhanced understanding, skills and knowledge with which to develop and enable all schools in their care to flourish.

The programme will develop four (or five) EFP strategic roles (individuals identified by the academy trust/federation), who will be trained and supported by the Diocesan Education Team to take-on the following lead roles as they work in partnership across the trust/federation:

- Lead for Exeter Flourishing Partnership
- Religion and Worldviews Lead (this could be combined with Collective Worship Lead)
- Collective Worship Lead
- Recruitment and Induction Lead
- Governance Lead



The **Lead for Exeter Flourishing Partnership** works at a strategic level to ensure the church schools within the academy trust/federation are effective as church schools, embracing their original Anglican foundation. They will ensure that the distinctive Christian vision is established and promoted by leadership at all levels, enabling pupils and adults to flourish. The Lead is the main point of contact with the Diocesan Education Team. They are responsible for supporting the other Exeter Flourishing Partnership trust/federation Leads, in partnership with the diocese.





The role of **Religious Education and Worldviews Lead** can be combined with the **Collective Worship Lead**. These roles represent the axis around which strong Religion and Worldviews (RE) and Collective Worship (CW) in church schools and community schools is built and sustained across the whole academy trust/federation. This Lead works with existing leaders of RE and CW, to ensure that all schools are effective.



The **Recruitment and Induction Lead** will ensure that the academy trust/federation vision and the individual distinctively Christian church school's vision and values are embedded and lived out through recruitment and induction. They will advocate for church school flourishing.



The **Governance Lead** works across all tiers of governance to support those involved in knowing, understanding and fulfilling their responsibilities. This includes ensuring the academy trust/federation is conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

The Exeter Flourishing Partnership is part of our evolving work and relationship with academy trusts and federations where we recognise your own expertise and seek to add deeper and more impactful value to our joint work. The Diocesan Education Team will offer initial training for the Exeter Flourishing Partnership, lead and sustain networks for ongoing learning and updates, and provide partnership support visits to acknowledge strengths and identify areas for further growth in these areas. The rich evidence gathered through these visits will ensure the Diocesan Education Team and the EDBE have a deeper understanding of the character and work of academy trusts/federations, and in particular of our church schools.

See below details of Lead Partner Training and EFP Partnership Network Meetings:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1 and 2
Lead Partner	Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Day 1: Lifton Community Centre, PL16 0LA, 9:30-16:00 Day 2: Great Hall, Old Deanery, Exeter, EX1 1HS, 9:30-15:00
RE & Worldviews Collective Worship	Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Day 1: Lifton Community Centre, PL16 0LA, 9:30-16:00 Day 2: Great Hall, Old Deanery, Exeter, EX1 1HS, 9:30-15:00
Recruitment and Induction	Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Monday 16 th November 2026	Day 1: Lifton Community Centre, PL16 0LA Day 2: Great Hall, Old Deanery, Exeter, EX1 1HS Time: 9:30-16:00
Governance	Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Wednesday 10 th February 2027	Day 1: Lifton Community Centre, PL16 0LA Day 2: Great Hall, Old Deanery, Exeter, EX1 1HS Time: 9:30-16:00

	Autumn Cohort 1 and 2	Spring Cohort 1, 2 and 3	Summer Cohort 1, 2 and 3	In person Full day
Lead Partner (cohort 1 and 2)	Monday 5 th October 2026 Online*	Monday 24 th February 2027 Online*	Partnership support visits (bespoke)*	LTLRE Conference 2nd October 2026 St Mellion's Flourishing School Leaders Gathering 10th March 2027 Tiverton Hotel Blundells Road Tiverton EX16 4DB Governor Reaffirmation and Thanks TBC
	16:00–17:00	16:00–17:00		
RE & Worldviews Collective Worship	Tuesday 6 th October 2026 Online*	Monday 8 th February 2027 Online*	Tuesday 15 th June 2027 Online*	
	17:00–17:30	17:00–17:30	17:00–17:30	
Recruitment and Induction	Wednesday 7 th October 2026 Online	Thursday 11 th February 2027 Online	Monday 14 th June 2027 Online	
	16:00–17:00	16:00–17:00	16:00–17:00	
Governance	Tuesday 10 th November 2026 Online**	Tuesday 23 rd February 2027 Online	Thursday 17 th June 2027 Online**	
	17:00–17:30	16:00–17:00	17:00–17:30	

**Plus Christian Distinctiveness and RE Hubs – 16:00–17:00*

***Plus Governance Forum – 16:00–17:00*

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With thanks to the Diocese of Salisbury and the development of the Programme for Church School Flourishing (PCSF) which has informed and helped to shape the Exeter Flourishing Partnership. Thank you also to the South West Diocese Group for their ongoing support enabling cross-diocesan working for the benefit of all schools.