

For our Schools

News from the SDBE

The Diocesan Board of Education team is working with both Local Authorities on the wide ranging issues faced by schools.

As well as supporting the co-ordination of school places to transport and meals, this also includes the essential work involving safeguarding of and communication with vulnerable pupils and their families.

Whilst as a charity we have needed to furlough staff to avoid significant redundancy in the future, we are glad to hear that these staff have become immediately involved in a range of community volunteering.

In the meantime, the 4 remaining DBS*-checked advisers and the small administration team have taken on the responsibilities of others, enabling us to respond to the breadth of needs that schools and parishes are bringing to us.

We have created a page on the diocesan website specifically devoted to guidance we have created or collated to support schools at this time. [Click here](#) to access it.

It includes:

- [Guidance for governors](#)
- [Materials to support the teaching of RE](#), including CPD
- [Guidance to approaches for creation of worship](#), including Covid-19
- [Specific materials in relation to bereavement](#), and a page [here](#)

We are also responding to schools' individual needs. This has included supporting many schools with issues relating to mental health and well-being, bereavement and schools facing crisis in governance and leadership. We are available to you beyond the '9-5' via our Critical Incident Phone – 07788 289843.

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