

From *Paul Thompson, Diocesan*

Director of Education –

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” 15 When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (Matthew 19: 13-15)



Recently, on 21<sup>st</sup> September, Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children’s Commissioner for England published the findings of the ‘Big Ask’ survey. Unfortunately, the findings of the survey have not yet got the media coverage they deserve due to other stories dominating the news such as adults panicking about buying petrol.

The ‘Big Ask’ survey is the largest survey of children ever done in the UK and it captures the voice of 557,077 children as they emerged from the lockdown in March. Dame Rachel urges us adults to ‘Listen to what children have to say’.

She reports that the results are clear – our children are not a cynical generation. The survey covers a vast number of topics, but the children’s priorities across all groups – age, gender, ethnicity – are the same.

Dame Rachel acknowledges, *‘A generation of children who are veterans of a global crisis. They have seen how colossally frightening life can be, far too young, and have made a lot of sacrifices. But they have endured, and are emerging stronger and prematurely wise. Bruised, yes, and in many cases seriously vulnerable, but for the most part, happy, optimistic, and determined.’*

The survey responses highlighted that children:

- want to be healthy – mentally and physically. They want to escape the digital world in which they feel trapped and play outside.

- want activities – sport. The zest is not for competition but for participation.
- want community. Denied of friendships during the lockdowns, they want to improve their community. They want to address inequality, injustice, prejudice environmental issues and live out British values.
- like school! They see it as a pathway to opportunity.

Looked-after children are no different. They share the same hopes. They want the care system to match these ambitions.

Children want to get on well and do well.

In education, we are well placed and privileged to encourage their heroic spirit. As educationalists, we can play our part in helping children and young people tackle wider societal issues such as social injustice and the climate crisis.

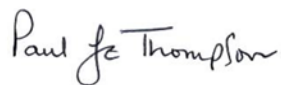
The Church of England Vision for Education and the SIAMs evaluation schedule are underpinned by Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity. Through this vision, we can help our generation of children realise their hopes and ambitions for the world. If we are to make an historical change following the pandemic, we must ‘listen’ and we must ‘act’. Dame Rachel concludes that if there is one thing to learn from the findings of the children’s survey, it is that:

*‘This is not a ‘snowflake generation.’ It is a heroic generation.’*

We have the love and support of God, to help our children and to help one another to flourish and ‘live life to the full’.

For more information about the Children’s Commissioner’s survey for children, please visit <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/>

Kind regards



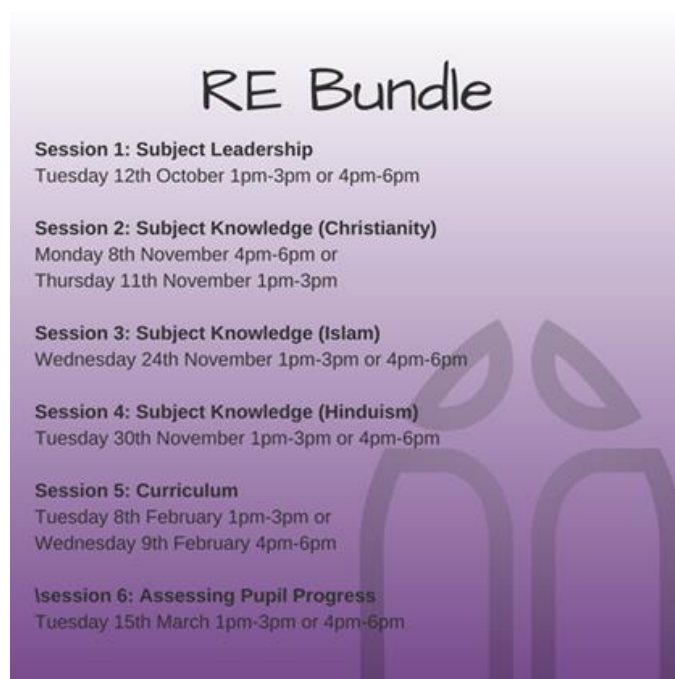
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## Important Updates and Messages

### Courses and Services for 2021

Here is a look at the courses we are running for the forthcoming week:

This course will provide your RE leads with ongoing support and training throughout the year, each session will build upon the next to help provide maximum impact for your school.



#### Session 1- Subject Leadership

This session will outline the statutory duties relating to RE in various contexts. It will look at middle leadership at primary/secondary level, focusing on key responsibilities of practical tools to support effective middle leadership.

We are able to offer two sessions on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please click on your preferred time below to book your place:

Time: 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=9&viewid=1&event=171>

Time: 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=9&viewid=1&event=172>

A zoom link will be sent in due course.

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**£300 for all 6 session (buy 5 get one free)**

£60 per individual session per person (outside SLA £139 per session per person)

(£700 if not in SLA)

Book onto the rest of the sessions for this bundle please click on the link below:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/page/?title=Diary+of+Central+Events&pid=53>

### **NEW FOR 2021-2022**

Join Lynsey Norris, for an opportunity to get together with other Collective Worship leads from across the Diocese, to share good practice, discover new and useful resources and keep up to date with the latest developments.

Run virtually 3 times a year this is an excellent opportunity to have questions answers and develop your Collective Worship knowledge.

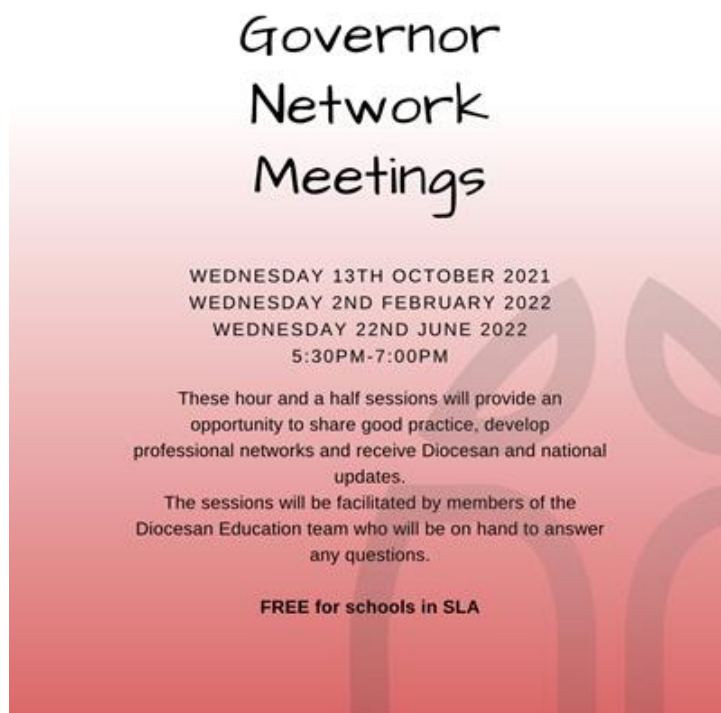


To book your FREE place on 13<sup>th</sup> October2021, please click on the link below:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=9&viewid=1&event=230>

If you would like to attend further dates, please follow the link to our website:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/page/?title=Diary+of+Central+Events&pid=53>



This is an opportunity to gather with other governors from across the diocese to discuss the role, share similarities and be updated by the Diocesan Education Team.

These sessions are **free** for governors of schools that have joined the SLA and run from 5:30pm - 7pm.

Please click on the link below to book your place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7&pid=9&viewid=1&event=173>

For other dates, please click on this link:

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## **New for 2021!**

Join us for an hour of Diocesan Headteacher updates

Led by the Education Team this hour will be a chance to find out recent and relevant updates, a time to asked questions and network with other Headteacher from across the diocese.

To book your place, please click on the link below:

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=9&viewid=1&event=238>

Our website is a 'one stop shop' for more details and the place to book on these courses - our booking form may look a little different this year for you, however this should still be as easy to book as before. In addition to this, make sure you look out for emails sent each week highlighting upcoming courses.

Any questions please do get in touch - [patricia.dixon@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:patricia.dixon@lincoln.anglican.org)

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## **Diocesan Service Level Agreement 2021-22**

We were delighted many of our schools have chosen to join the Diocesan SLA for the new academic year. We have adapted our provision to suit the situation we find ourselves in. Due to this many more schools have benefitted from the breadth and diversity of our support and quality services, which remains a source of pride and absolute commitment for the whole team.

As well as discounted rates at all Diocesan courses conferences and events, and priority places at the annual Church Schools' Festival, all schools subscribing to the SLA will benefit from an annual adviser visit by a member of the Diocesan team to celebrate successes and provide guidance and support. The visit is followed up with a written report.

This annual SLA visit is free to schools in the SLA, however if chargeable the cost equates to more than £500.

If you would like to subscribe or require more information regarding the Diocesan Service Level Agreement, please contact [tracy.smith@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:tracy.smith@lincoln.anglican.org) or see our website - <https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/sla>

## **Aspirational Governor Conference 29th June 2022**

We would love your governors to join us at our '**Aspirational Governor Conference**' running jointly with Lincolnshire Local Authority Governor services on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

We have some exciting keynote speakers, including Emma Knights from the NGA, Dr Jeremy Hannay, Headteacher of the Three Bridges Primary School, plus Sam Ruddock Paralympian athlete.

We are looking forward to an inspirational day, with lots of practical workshops to equip you in your role.

Early bird price of ONLY £65 for the whole day, including refreshments and lunch.

For more details and to book click here

<https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7&pid=9&viewid=1&event=185>

## NATRE

The monthly NATRE #rechatuk is being held on Twitter this Monday (4th October) between 8pm and 9pm. This month's conversation focuses on assessing substantive and disciplinary knowledge in RE. Everyone is invited – just search the hashtag #rechatuk and join in!

## National Young Leaders Group

The Church of England Education office is inviting your school to be part of the National Young Leaders Group, run in conjunction with the Archbishop of Youth Trust.

For more details see the flyer attached, plus to register your interest you the following link <https://churchofengland.tfaforms.net/4903448> by the 22nd October.

## National Church of England School Governors Conference

Recently there was a National Church of England School Governors Conference, if you were there you will know how useful the conference was. For those that missed it or would like to watch it again click here <https://goministriesweb.wordpress.com/conference-resources/> Feel free to share this with all the governors in your school

