

**To: Headteachers of
Church of England Birmingham Schools**

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Dear Headteacher,

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Church of England Birmingham - Schools Partnership Agreement 2023/24

Firstly, I want to thank you for all you are continuing to do to support your families and your staff, working tirelessly to deliver what is needed for your children. We know the very real benefit of being part of a network and are keen to support you wherever we can.

Your school's subscription to the Partnership Agreement with the Diocese is now due for renewal and I am writing to make a formal request for your voluntary subscription for the year 2023/24. Recognising the strain on budgets our schools face, we have held our subscription costs for a further year – now 8 years without an increase. We continue to include membership of the National Governors' Association (NGA) and are always looking at ways of increasing our support without increasing our subscription.

Enclosed is a newly updated Partnership Framework for the next academic year to remind you of the services and benefits the sum you contribute entitles you to; this has also been emailed with a separate letter to your Chair of Governors.

The Partnership Agreement subscription costs are based on school size:

6 classes or fewer.....	£650	14 classes or more	£950
7-13 classes	£750	Secondary school/academy	£1250

In order to reward and be fair to those who pay into the agreement, any school that chooses not to contribute will be charged at full cost for all events and for additional advice from the Diocesan Education team.

Feedback to us from heads, clergy and governors has been that you have found our support to be of value in the past and we therefore hope that you and your Chair will wish to join the Partnership for the next academic year and enjoy the undoubted benefits it brings.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Smith
Director of Education – Church of England Birmingham

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