

Diocesan Education Team

Autumn Term 2026

Course Brochure

**Supporting the distinctive needs of CofE school
and academy leaders and governors**



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Induction & Lunch for new Headteachers

For Headteachers new to headship in a Church school

An essential introduction (or re-introduction for those returning to our family of schools) to Church School Leadership in the Diocese of Gloucester. You will be welcomed by the Archdeacon and GDBE Education Team and have the opportunity to make valuable supportive connections with fellow headteachers. The course will introduce key people and resources available to support your work and offer you the opportunity to seek answers to any current questions (no such thing as a daft question!)

Feedback from previous attendees strongly highlights the value of attending on the first available date as you take up your new role.
Please book separately for each individual who will be attending the course.

"A really good, insightful and informative introduction to headship in a C of E school - the sense of 'family' and support that is available to us"

Course leaders: Jane Borgeaud and the Education Team

Autumn Term

Monday 19 October 2026

11.45am-4.00pm

Venue: Chapter, Church House, 5 Denmark Road, Gloucester, GL1 3HW

No cost to schools / participants

Please book via this link: <https://forms.gle/jWjGkk9Ng8Jj9o9j6>

Governor Clarity

For ALL governors and trustees of church schools

Governance does not stand still. New guidance, changing expectations and emerging issues can all affect the work of governing boards and trust boards. Governor Clarity is the Diocese of Gloucester's regular briefing and discussion session, designed to help governors and trustees remain informed, confident and connected. Roland Roberts will explain the latest developments affecting church-school governance, identify what boards need to know and consider what these developments mean in practice. Alongside concise and accessible updates, there will be opportunities to ask questions, discuss current issues and learn from the experience of governors and trustees serving in other Church of England schools. Schools are encouraged to book at the beginning of the year and ensure that at least one governor or trustee attends each session. This will help your board keep abreast of important developments and avoid missing information that may affect the school.

"Very knowledgeable trainer. Informative content. "

Course leaders: Roland Roberts

Wednesday 21 October 2026

6.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: Online

No cost to schools / participants

Please book via this link: <https://forms.gle/gufimDW3rw4LJkMC9>

Chair of Governors: Leading with Confidence and Purpose

For new and experienced chairs of governors in C of E schools

The chair has a pivotal role in creating an effective governing board. Good chairing is about providing leadership, establishing the right culture and helping the board remain focused on the school's Christian vision, strategic priorities and the interests of its pupils. A practical and empowering course, new and experienced chairs can look at how to lead with clarity, confidence and purpose, explore how chairs can set the tone, develop a strong and constructive relationship with the headteacher and work effectively with the governance professional or clerk. Consider how to organise the board's work, shape purposeful agendas, support the induction and development of governors and ensure that meetings concentrate on the matters requiring the board's strategic attention.

Whatever stage you are at, we will provide practical tools, useful ideas, space for reflection, opportunities to ask questions, share experiences and build relationships with chairs from other CofE schools.

"Good session with a massive amount of information – well presented with salient points highlighted".

Course leader: Roland Roberts

Tuesday 3 November 2026

5.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: Chapter, Church House, 5 Denmark Road, Gloucester, GL1 3HW

Cost: £50.00

Please book via this link: <https://forms.gle/sSpvnPZDM3GaNG9L6>

Introduction to Church School Leadership

For new & aspiring deputy headteachers and aspiring headteachers

This course is intended for those currently holding, aspiring to or tentatively considering senior leadership roles in Diocese of Gloucester Church Schools. You will receive practical and thought-provoking training on distinctive aspects of these vital leadership roles and their contribution to pupil, staff and community flourishing.

The day will provide you with an understanding of distinctively Christian flourishing and what it means to work in a church school, as well as signposting you to a range of further support and training that is available to you.

"Thank you for an inspiring and enthusing afternoon. I feel newly excited about my place in school".

Course leaders: Jane Borgeaud and the Education Team

Thursday 12 November 2026

1.00pm-4.00pm

Venue: Chapter, Church House, 5 Denmark Road, Gloucester, GL1 3HW

Cost: £50.00

Please book via this link: <https://forms.gle/dYdQ6ND5T8yhMV8S9>

Governors Introduction to a Church School

Essential introductory training for governors and trustees of CofE schools

Becoming a governor or trustee of a Church of England school/trust brings a distinctive and important responsibility. This welcoming and accessible course will help you understand how you can contribute confidently and effectively. Explore different types of CofE schools and academies, governance arrangements and key documents. Look at the significance of the trust deed and the responsibilities of foundation governors and trustees. Examine the governing board's role in ensuring that the school's distinctive Christian vision is understood, protected and lived out. Place these responsibilities within the strategic role of governance. Learn how showing the Christian character, educational standards, inclusion, service to the community and the flourishing of children and adults belong together. A valuable refresher for experienced governors and trustees wanting to renew their understanding of the foundations of church-school governance, there's also opportunity to ask questions, meet governors from other schools and share experiences.

"Excellent, incredibly clear and informative. Great overview suitable for wide-ranging types of church schools and academy trusts".

Course leaders: Roland Roberts

Tuesday 17 November 2026

5.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: Chapter, Church House, 5 Denmark Road, Gloucester, GL1 3HW

No cost to schools / participants

Please book via this link: <https://forms.gle/sCm4Cn8v2YUyiStCA>