

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

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Dear Headteacher,

**Church of England Birmingham - Schools Partnership Agreement 2024/25**

Firstly, I want to thank you for all you are continuing to do in support of your families and your staff as a Church School, with all the pressures that being a school leader brings. 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 2024/25. Recognising the strain on budgets our schools face, we have held our subscription costs for a further year – now 9 years without an increase. To enable us to do this we have removed the membership of the National Governors' Association (NGA). This is paid up until the end of November 2024; it would then require you to make your own arrangements going forward.

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

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. We had 100% of schools contribute last year and we thank you for your ongoing commitment.

Yours sincerely,



**Sarah Smith**  
**Director of Education – Church of England Birmingham**

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