

To: **Headteachers/Principals of
Church of England Birmingham Secondary Schools**

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Dear Head Teacher/Principal,

Church of England Birmingham – Secondary Schools Partnership Agreement 2024/25

Firstly, I want to thank you for all you are continuing to do to support 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 at £1250 for a further year. To enable us to do this, we have removed the membership of the National Governors' Association (NGA) - this is paid up until the beginning of November 2024. It would then therefore require you to make your own arrangements going forward.

We have revisited our Secondary school offer to ensure it is useful, relevant, and appropriate. We make ourselves available to our schools and Governing Bodies whenever they need us; without the contribution our schools make we would have to considerably reduce the support we are able to offer, and charge more directly for what we do.

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

We hope you find our support and services to be useful and of good value and will therefore decide to join the Partnership for the coming academic year and enjoy the undoubted benefits it brings.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Smith
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