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Training and Development courses for church schools 2026-27

arranged by subject

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Governance	
RE in our church schools 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom • Thursday 3 September 2026	For Governors: what is RE, how should it look in a church school and monitoring RE Free
Being a Governor in a Church School 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom • Monday 5 October 2026 • Tuesday 12 January 2027 • Thursday 22 April 2027	For all governors in a church school Free
SIAMS: an overview 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom • Wednesday 7 October 2026	For governors: learn about the SIAMS framework and how you can support the school Free
Chairs of Governors Forum 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom • Thursday 26 November 2026 • Tuesday 16 March 2027 • Thursday 24 June 2027	An opportunity for Chairs to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools. Free
Collective worship in church schools 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom • Tuesday 26 January 2027	For Governors: how to support and monitor collective worship in school Free
Bespoke Governor Training • On a date of your choice in school	£200.00 – if schools subscribe to the Schools' Choice Governor training package, governors are entitled to receive one whole governing body training session each school year. Please contact Jacqui Studd.
Leadership	
Headteachers' Forum 1.30 – 2.30pm via Zoom • Tuesday 29 September 2026 • Wednesday 20 January 2027 • Monday 26 April 2027	An opportunity for Heads to meet to discuss issues and challenges in schools. Free
Small Schools Forum 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom • Tuesday 13 October 2026 • Tuesday 2 February 2027 • Tuesday 18 May 2027	For Heads, Chairs and Governors to meet to discuss the issues and challenges facing small schools. Free
Leading a Church School for Heads and aspiring Heads 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom • Thursday 15 October 2026 • TBA	For new and aspiring Headteachers, an opportunity to explore what leadership looks like day to day, in a church school context. £30 per session subscribing schools/£60 per session other schools

Annual Church School Leaders' Conference 9.30am – 4.00pm • Thursday 19 November 2026	For Heads, Deputies, Chairs and Governors Venue: Ip-City, Ipswich £60.00 per delegate, Governors free

Religious Education/Collective Worship

New to RE Leadership 4.00 - 5.30pm via Zoom • Monday 7 September 2026	For new RE Subject Leads: a brief introduction to the role with a follow up support visit later in the term £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
Collective Worship in our church schools 4.00 - 5.30pm via Zoom • Tuesday 15 September 2026 • Tuesday 9 March 2027	For Heads, CW Leads, Staff: suitable for those new to leading CW in church schools or those who wish to have a refresher course £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
New to Teaching RE 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom • Friday 18 September 2026 • Wednesday 13 January 2027 • Thursday 29 April 2027	Suitable for ECTs, RQTs, HLTAs, experienced teachers and anyone needing a refresher on teaching RE £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools
SIAMS and RE 4.00 - 5.30pm via Zoom • Thursday 24 September 2026	For RE Subject Leads and SLT: updates to the SIAMS framework £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools
Science and RE 9.15am – 12.15pm – in person • Friday 25 September 2026	Suitable for RE and Science Primary school leads, this interactive training led by Cathy Priest will provide you with everything you need to run a Science and RE themed day in your school £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools
Spiritual Development in Primary Schools 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom • Thursday 5 November 2026 • Wednesday 3 March 2027 • Tuesday 25 May 2027	Suitable for heads, SLT, teachers, governors, clergy, curriculum leads £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools
RE Primary Network 4.00 - 5.00pm via Zoom unless stated • RE: Ways of Knowing - Tuesday 29 September • Supporting SEND pupils in RE - Monday 16 November • Monitoring RE - Tuesday 9 February (Invite your governor too!) • REal and RElatable - Thursday 11 March • Diversity in Worldviews, incl Christianity as a Global World Faith - Wednesday 19 May • Championing RE and sharing together as leaders: Tuesday 6 July 2027 (this will be in person)	We will meet each half term for training and networking, with six sessions throughout the year. Dates and details are opposite, do make it along if you can. All will run from 4:00-5:00pm and will be free to join
RE Moderation and the Emmanuel Project 4.00 – 5.30pm via Zoom • Tuesday 15 June 2027	For RE Subject Leads and RE teachers. A chance to moderate the curriculum £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools

Annual RE Subject Leader Update 9.30am – 12.00pm via Zoom • Thursday 24 June 2027	For church school RE Subject Leads. A key update for RE subject leaders in school to ensure that they are up to date and compliant with the most recent guidance and advice £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools
Ofsted / SIAMS	
Ofsted training 1.30 – 3.00pm via Zoom • Thursday 1 October 2026	This session for Headteachers and governors will cover how best to prepare for an Ofsted inspection and how to make the most of the inspection. Led by Heather Hann, Head of Professional Development, Diocesan MAT, Drew Quayle, DDE and Lesley Etchingham, Head, Chelmondiston CofE Primary £30 subscribing schools/£60 other schools. Free for governors
SIAMS training 9.30am – 12.15pm via Zoom unless stated • Tuesday 20 October 2026 (Venue tba) • Thursday 10 June 2027	Headteachers, RE Subject Leaders, Collective Worship Co-ordinators, Foundation Governors and Clergy are welcome to this introduction to the new SIAMS Framework £60 subscribing schools/£120 other schools Free for governors
Wellbeing	
Headteachers and senior staff Wellbeing Day 12.30 – 4.00pm • Friday 9 October 2026	Thomas Clarkson Centre, Bury St Edmunds Free

Introduction to Church Schools	
New to church schools 4.00 – 5.00pm via Zoom • Tuesday 6 October 2026	This session is for admin staff, TAs, caretakers, teachers, MDSAs and anyone else new to working or volunteering in a Church School, whatever their role. Free

Booking

All courses are booked via Jacqui Studd, Education Administrator:

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All prices quoted are per person.

Course costs

- **Full day courses - £120 for subscribing church schools; £240 for other schools**
- **Half day courses - £60 for subscribing church schools; £120 for other schools**
- **Twilight courses - £30 for subscribing church schools; £60 for other schools**
- **Governors training free**

Where schools book more than one delegate on the same half day or full day training, each additional delegate will receive a 50% discount.

Payment

An invoice will be emailed following the training.

Cancellation and non-attendance

If you are unable to attend a course please contact: jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org

or call 01473 298570.

For face to face training, we require 48 hours' notice for cancellations.