

## Education, Mission and Ministry The Parish School Covenant

Dear Headteachers and Incumbents,

Thank you for making time to hear about The Parish School Covenant – a strategy designed to support the working partnerships and relationships between Church Schools and their parishes.

In the presentation you will hear about the process that has been undertaken to make this a collaborative and dynamic working document. Our hope is that parishes and schools will be able to work conveniently with these documents and view them as amendable within their contexts. We recognise that there are a diverse range of parishes, schools and contexts, and each individual Parish – School Covenant should reflect this diversity. Where there are Ecumenical links, these should be reflected in the Covenant also.

The Parish School Covenant is presented in two booklets which you will have copies of – in hard copy and in editable electronic versions. We hope that you find the learning and the process of creating the Covenant an encouraging and motivating tool that will strengthen the work you are currently doing or are about to embark upon.

We would ask that once you have completed the Covenant Statement for your Parish and School, you send a copy to the Education, Mission and Ministry Team at the Diocese. This can be sent to the Development Officer for School Mission using the email address [mandy.flaherty@elydiocese.org](mailto:mandy.flaherty@elydiocese.org). You can send this at any time; however we would ask that we receive them by **June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 at the latest**. We hope that this timescale allows all parishes and schools enough time to create their Covenant.

As is listed in the booklets, there is support available from the Education, Mission and Ministry team at the diocese, and contacts are listed in both booklets. You may feel that you need some help in starting this process in your particular context. If this is the case, please do contact us for a conversation as early as possible. We hope to be present and available to you as you move into this venture together.

With every blessing,



Mandy Flaherty  
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*We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ.*