Clifton Diocese
Department for Schools and Colleges

Service Level Agreement with Schools & Colleges - September 2026 – August 2027

All the Department's activities have cost implications, and these have been identified in formulating the Department's key Operating Objectives.

The services provided by the Department have been divided into:

Core Services	– those of benefit jointly to schools & colleges, and to the Bishop & Trustees;
Additional Services	– those primarily of benefit to individual schools & colleges.

The Core Services subscription in the Service Level Agreement secures a contribution from all schools/colleges towards the cost of providing services of joint benefit. The subscription for the 2026/27 academic year will be invoiced in September. A scale of charges for Additional Services is set out and these charges will apply throughout the period from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027 Schools/colleges will be invoiced individually for additional services following their delivery.

SERVICES AND CHARGES

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<tr><th colspan="2">CORE SERVICES
Of benefit to schools/colleges and the Bishop/Trustees</th><th colspan="2">ADDITIONAL SERVICES
Primarily of benefit to individual schools/colleges</th></tr>
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<td>These services are provided according to need in return for the core subscription.
▪ Advice to Bishop and Trustees
▪ Service Diocesan committees and sub-committees
▪ Strategic planning
▪ Liaison with CES, DfES, LEAs, C of E Dioceses etc.
▪ Representation on standing and consultative bodies

▪ Liaison with the wider Catholic Community & Higher Education links
▪ Appointment of Foundation Governors

▪ Advice to schools/colleges on: buildings & maintenance, admissions, personnel, transport & legislative matters relating to Catholic character
▪ Support with reserved post appointments
▪ Monitoring visits
▪ Admissions
▪ Services of a governance officer
▪ Partnership support and development, and services of Partnership officer</td>
<td>▪ Section 48 inspections & liaison with Ofsted inspectors
▪ Services of RE lead adviser
▪ Support for schools causing concern.
▪ Telephone helpline
▪ Annual pastoral visit
▪ Support for RE teaching and learning
▪ R.E. Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form Partnership meetings
▪ Implementing Bishop’s vision on Multi Academy Trusts.
▪ Support with media.

These services attract a charge to cover guest speakers, venue & refreshment costs only.

▪ Secondary Heads of R.E. Days
▪ Primary RE Leads' Days
▪ Sixth Form, Secondary and Primary Chaplaincy Days
▪ Diocesan Heads’ Conference
▪ New to Catholic Education Days
▪ Chaplaincy Retreats
▪ Head Teachers' retreat</td>
<td>▪ Whole school, MAT and partnership INSET Days
▪ School Retreat Days
▪ Training for Clerks and Governors
▪ Pre -Inspection Audit
▪ Assistance with appointments other than Reserved Posts
▪ Chaplaincy Team retreats
▪ CCRS
▪ Cross Phase</td>
<td>Additional services attract a charge to cover venue and refreshment costs and/or part of the employment costs of the Department member/s involved.</td>
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Charges	Charges
September 2026 – August 2027 Primary schools: £5.50 per pupil** Secondary schools & colleges £6.80 per pupil** Independent Schools £6.80 per pupil** *** based on January 2026 CES census return figures*	**September 2026 – August 2027** Advisory services for Staff Development, Governor Training, Consultancy, Adult Education, etc Full-day £300.00 Half-day £150.00 Participation of staff and governors at additional courses & conferences arranged by the Department may incur additional fees.

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Date:	