

Memorandum of Understanding for School/Trust and Worship Community

The Bigger Picture

General Synod 2019 set a vision to change the culture of the Church of England "so that every aspect of Mission and ministry is seen through the lens of what it means for ministry with children, young people and households."¹

Liverpool Diocese is committed to being a Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference, more people knowing Jesus more justice in the world.² With 4 missions priorities which are foundational to this vision:-

1. Introducing people to Jesus
2. Depending discipleship
3. Developing Christian Leaders
4. Working for Justice

Local Context

Liverpool Diocese is blessed with great relationships between schools/trusts and local churches, all wanting to serve the spiritual needs of their community. Many churches and schools/trusts are committed to Growing Faith.

Where Directors/Governors and PCC agree then starting a New Worship Community (NWC) in a school is one way of fulfilling the Bigger Picture.

Partnership aims/objective

The aim of a NWC is to offer a worship community that will be enriched by spiritual encounters, through the sharing of personal stories and developing imaginative practices, that help make faith relevant to all. It includes mission, discipleship, leadership and worship; this will be led by the local church and embedded as an integral part of wider parish life.³

Partnership practicalities

¹ https://cofefoundation.contentfiles.net/media/assets/file/Growing_Faith_Paper - GS 2121.pdf

² <https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/>

³ Growing Faith Roadmap

(insert name of NWC) is a partnership between (insert name of school/and name of trust (if appropriate) and name of Church/Parish/hub).

The trust agrees to provide (list everything that the trust is providing, or delete if not needed.)

The school agrees to provide (list everything that the school is providing bearing in mind the school cannot use any of its finances to fund this.)

The Church/Parish/hub) agrees to provide (list everything that the school?? is providing bearing in mind the school cannot use any of its finances to fund this)

A partnership meeting of key leaders of church/school and NWC will happen termly/half termly (delete at appropriate).

Finances

Schools finances are public money and therefore can't be used for evangelism.
The NWC agrees to pay
(insert amount or put NA If happening during school open hours i.e. after school/before school Monday – Friday) school.

A separate Letting Agreement has been signed by PCC and Governors/Directors
(delete as appropriate.)

Mentoring/Accountability

The NWC is to be mainly led by members of the local church/Hub/Parish.
(insert name) has responsibility for offering support, to the lay leaders of NWC

Any problems/issues should be reported to the Vicar/Headteacher.
In exceptional circumstances of issues not being resolved at a local level, LMLs could inform the 0-18 Strategy Team in the first instance of their concern and experience. Liverpool Diocesan Board of Education will also have oversight if their support is felt to be needed.

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Liverpool takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. National Church of England procedure and guidelines have been adopted⁴

All NWC leaders will be Safer Recruited. All NWV leaders at all times will hold an in-date DBS and have attended safeguarding training.

The named Lay Leader for (*insert of name of NWC*) will also have completed the Safeguarding Leadership training .

The Designated Safeguarding lead for (*insert name of NWC*) is
(Insert name of person).

They will be supported by the parish Designated Officer *(insert name of person in that role)*

The named safeguarding policy
(*insert either Church or School depending on which is being followed*) is being followed for
(*insert name of NWC*)

Insurance

The New Worship Community (*insert name of NWC*) is to be named annually as activity of the Church in order to be included via the Church Insurance.

Date of PCC meeting this was discussed was:

Governance and Oversight

The (*insert name of NWC*) comes under the Governance of the local church (*Insert name of the Local Church*) and the larger single Parish(*insert name of parish*)

Signatures

⁴ <https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/safeguarding-matters/>

<u>On behalf of PCC</u>	<u>On behalf of Governors</u>	<u>On behalf of Trust</u>	<u>Lead Lay Leader of NWC</u>
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Sign	Sign	Sign	Sign
Print name	Print name	Print Name	Print name

To be reviewed every 6 months

Date of next review is

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