

# Our Hope for a Flourishing Schools System: Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good

In line with the Church of England's role as the established Church, our vision is for the common good of the whole community.

- **Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills:** enabling discipline, confidence and delight in seeking wisdom and knowledge, and developing talents in all areas of life.
- **Educating for hope and aspiration:** enabling healing, repair and renewal, coping wisely when things go wrong, opening horizons and guiding people into ways of fulfilling them.
- **Educating for community and living well together:** a core focus on relationships, participation in communities and the qualities of character that enable people to flourish together.
- **Educating for dignity and respect:** the basic principle of respect for the value and preciousness of each person, treating each person as a unique individual of inherent worth.

In 2023, reflecting the changing landscape of academies and multi-academy trusts, the vision was revisited. The Church of England has launched a new publication outlining its hopes for students, teachers and educators to flourish across the schools system.

Underpinned by the Church's 2016 Vision for Education, the new document, entitled '***Our Hope for a Flourishing Schools System***' makes recommendations including a once-in-a-generation re-imagining of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) funding, provision, training and development, wise and compassionate accountability systems for school inspections and performance measures and steps to ensure teaching is again regarded as a vocation in which adults can truly flourish and commit long-term.

The document sets out the importance of collaboration in different local contexts, particularly between schools in smaller rural areas, to ensure every child in every community receives an effective provision.

It concludes with recommendations for four leadership levels: Schools, School Trusts, Dioceses and Government, and invites dialogue and engagement across the sector to develop flourishing partnerships. **Read the full document here:**

**OUR HOPE FOR A FLOURISHING SCHOOLS SYSTEM**

