

Together for our Children: Continuing the conversations, is a special online conference designed for local church members and their church school to open up fresh conversations about ways they can partner together to support children's spiritual development.

Date: Thursday 18th November Time: 9:30-11:30am Venue: ONLINE via Zoom* FREE to all church school leaders and local church members

Our aims are as follows:

- To explore our present links between church and school
- To learn about the definitions of Spiritual Development in school
- To reflect upon children's conversations about spirituality
- To discuss how we can work together to provide spiritual space for these conversations in school, church and at home.

To support you in these conversations we will be using some of the excellent resources from the <u>'Faith the Nexus Project'</u>. We will also send all participants a toolkit of materials to use during the morning.

The conference has been designed with lots of opportunities for you to spend time reflecting and exploring the ideas within your own local context. Hence we are only taking bookings with a minimum of two people from each local setting; one from the school's SLT and one member of the local church (including Foundation Governors). This will ensure that you have someone to talk to from both sides of the churchyard and playground wall. To help these be effective we will adjust clusters as follows:

- Clergy whose ministry includes more than one school, will be clustered with all their schools together.
- Federations will form one cluster so you can support and inspire each other too.
- DHMAT schools will be clustered based on their local churches rather than as a Trust.

We will use Breakout Rooms for each cluster during several parts of the programme. *If you would prefer to physically meet within your cluster please do so, abiding by your own COVID risk assessments. We will still need booking forms filled in for each participant.

Please speak to your local church members and school and then book your places together via the online booking form:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/DBE4/TogetherForOurChildren2021Registration

Should you need to book more places please fill in a second form.

If you have any questions or need help with the booking process, then please contact <u>mark.harrington@hereford.anglican.org</u> or 07983 298340.