**Parish Church PCCs and Church of England School SLTs Working Together**

**A MENU OF OPTIONS FOR DISCUSSING AND FORMULATING A BESPOKE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHURCH PCCs AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL SLTs**

***Church of England School Support For Our Parish Church***

1. Send items for parish magazine or newsletter, maybe good news items to share
2. Include involvement with the church as part of the school’s vision and values
3. Ensure there is feedback from the governors and a regular ‘church’ item on the FGB agenda
4. Partner with a church on local issues of social justice, such as Foodbanks
5. Offer to provide an item for a church service eg readers, musical item
6. Invite a speaker from the church for collective worship or presentation evenings
7. Hold special services or concerts in the local church building, or a joint event with the church
8. Ask for prayer requests from the church
9. Arrange class visits to local churches to explore the symbolism and meet the living church community!
10. Establish a core hymn/song or liturgy that will be used in worship in both church and school
11. Organise jointly a Christmas Toy or Shoe Box Appeal

***Parish Church Support For Our Local Church of England School***

1. Ask the school regularly for prayer requests and let them know when you’ve been praying
2. Celebrate Education Sunday in church services and pray for all those in your congregations who are connected with schools
3. Encourage your congregation to serve as school governors
4. Ensure there is feedback from the governors and a regular school item on the PCC agenda
5. Deliver cakes or biscuits for the staff room
6. Run a parenting course at the school and offer a course exploring Christianity as a follow-up for those interested
7. Think about opportunities your congregation could offer as work experience for older students
8. Run a prayer space in school
9. Hold a monthly/termly prayer event in schools for governors, parents, teachers, clergy and teachers to join together
10. Plan joint worship occasions between church and school in both places
11. Establish a core hymn/song or liturgy that will be used in worship in both church and school
12. Offer an After-School club in school run by the church
13. Run a holiday club/ play scheme
14. Organise jointly a Christmas Toy or Shoe Box Appeal
15. Become a regular visitor
16. Provide items for the school’s newsletter with information about the church and good news slots, or items about the world church links you have
17. Encourage regular visits from the school and ask church members to ‘share their Christian story’ during visits
18. Invite the children and their families personally to events such as Christingle, Education Sunday etc
19. Have regular displays of school children’s work in church, perhaps an altar frontal
20. Encourage this ministry to the school as a whole parish responsibility not just the job of the clergy
21. Include the school in the parish Mission Statement and mission planning
22. Are there congregation members who could become members of the ‘Friends of the School’?