



LDBS Commitment for 2022/23

In 2022/23, the LDBS will develop diocese-wide plans to enable all Church schools to join a strong MAT by 2030. In doing so, we commit to:

- Adopt an open, consultative approach
- Develop a more comprehensive understanding of existing systemic vulnerabilities and strengths, to ensure that future developments consolidate and build on current strength
- Undertake financial modelling for potential options
- Develop the core service to ensure the LDBS continues to deliver its core functions as the system develops
- Promote collaboration between local Church schools, and between schools and churches
- Partner with diocesan colleagues to promote regional and national coherence
- Engage with the Regional Director and DfE officials to secure support for potential options
- Engage with those who have an interest in Church school education in London including churches and the wider Diocese of London, local authorities, and relevant unions
- Work with the Regional Director and existing trusts to ensure a home in a Church MAT for any Church school judged to have serious weaknesses or requiring special measures or receiving a second RI judgement.

Timeline for 2022

June-Sept 22	Meetings with Church single and multi-academy trusts in the London Diocese
June-Sept 22	Ongoing feedback from LA groups and individual VA and VC schools
July-Dec 22	Develop and test models with Regional Director and neighbouring dioceses
08 Nov 22	Conference – heads, chairs, clergy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on national government and Church policy• Learn from different models and experiences• Consider potential models for Church schools in the London diocese
July-Dec 22	Analysis of vulnerability and strength in the Church school family

Provisional timeline for 2023

Jan-March 23	Develop firm proposal for Church schools in the London Diocese
March 23	Schools Bill passes into law?
May 23	Publish LDBS policy for Church school academies in the London Diocese
May-Dec 23	Detailed planning based on secondary legislation, updated articles
October 23	LDBS residential conference – heads <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Space for trusts and groups of schools to work together

Notes

Much of the critical path, especially in 2023, depends on the wider context, including the progress of the Schools Bill and publication of secondary legislation.

LDBS aims to publish a strategic, diocese-wide policy in relation to academy conversion even if, for whatever reason, government policy and legislation changes in a significant way.