ARFS Ethos Committee

The Ethos Committee’s primary function is to support the school in maintaining and developing its Christian ethos, in accordance with its mission statement.

The Ethos committee will promote the key features of church school distinctiveness as outlinedby Dearing (The Way Ahead 2001):

* The Headteacher committed to the Christian character of the school
* Collective Worship with distinctive Christian elements every day
* Excellence in Religious Education and that it commands at least 5% of curriculum time
* Observance of Christian festivals and the seasons of the Church year
* Active and affirming relationships with local churches
* Proclamation of the school as a church school.

The Ethos committee also takes into account of the recommendations of the Chadwick Review (The Church School of the Future 2012) with regard to church schools.

Embedding and expressing distinctively Christian values, the Ethos committee works to ensure:

1. that all school leaders contribute to sustaining, developing and nurturing the school’s Christian ethos.
2. that the Religious Education and Collective Worship policies contribute to an institution in which the Christian faith is manifested through every aspect of school life.
3. the school develops a corporate life which attempts to glorify God in developing the full human potential of each person - whether pupil, member of staff, parent or governor.
4. that Christian principles are embedded in the policies and day to day life of the school.
5. that self-evaluation is ongoing, contributes to school improvement and ensures good preparation for a SIAMS inspection, the committee will regularly monitor and review the school’s self-evaluation as a Church school
6. the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meets the needs of all learners.
7. that the importance of Religious Education is demonstrated in the school.
8. learning and teaching in Religious Education is effective and progress of pupils’ learning is assessed.
9. Collective Worship inspires and enhances the spiritual development of pupils and staff, of all faiths or of none.
10. school leaders and governors focus on and use Christian values to promote a distinctive Christian vision for the school.
11. effective partnership between the school and the church and the wider community.
12. the regular review of the S.R.E policy.