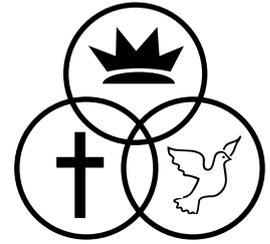


Benefice of All Saints' Martock with Holy Trinity, Ash



The Role of the School Chaplain

September 2017

Dr Philippa Bellows has been appointed as the school chaplain. Her role, as the school chaplain, is to provide pastoral and spiritual support to all those within the school community – pupils, staff, parents and governors – whatever their faith or background. The chaplaincy seeks to show the love of Christ within the school.

The service is entirely confidential unless there are concerns about the safety of a child. The chaplain is responsible to the Headteacher and remains accountable to the incumbent of Holy Trinity, Ash.

Responsibilities

The chaplain will normally be in school on a Tuesday afternoon. She comes during the lunch break so that she is able to speak with children and staff. During the afternoon she offers a supportive role to children who need it.

Responsibilities

- Seek to be an impartial listening ear for pupils, staff, parents and governors
- Be seen around the school, offering the opportunity of informal conversations
- Respond to staff requests to be involved with a particular pupil or family
- Respond to parents' requests for advice and support for their child
- Lead worship within the school as a member of the worship team
- Attend events within the school when possible
- Look for other opportunities to enhance the work of the chaplaincy
- Respond positively to other requests as agreed by the headteacher and the incumbent
- Work with the on-site pre-school

After school she runs the Explorers club which offers children the opportunity to investigate what it means to be part of a Christian school community through practical activities, such as collage, weaving, art and story.

Safeguarding

Should the chaplain have any safeguarding concerns, she will inform the school's safeguarding officer (or their deputy) immediately. She will also inform the incumbent that such a conversation has taken place (though no details will necessarily be given).

Governance

The chaplain is not a governor of the school nor will she serve on any of its committees.

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