

A Christian Distinctiveness Advocate will gain assurance that The Rivers CofE Academy Trust is providing an extraordinary education for every pupil

Extraordinary Education

- Excellent teaching and provision
- High-quality support for vulnerable pupils
- Exceptional enrichment

Extraordinary People

- Empowered and valued employees
- Clear professional learning pathways
- High-quality collaboration and networks

Extraordinary Futures

- Purposeful environments
- Digital innovation and efficiency
- Thriving growth and partnerships

Role description:

1. You will:

- Seek assurance that the Christian vision and values are at the heart of everything that the school does

2. Purpose of your role:

- To articulate the school's Christian vision with passion and practical illustration and to support the development and implementation of the Christian vision and values across school
- To be able to explain how the school's vision is rooted in biblical teaching, giving it coherence, relevance and sustainability
- To confirm that a robust and continuous self-evaluation process is in place that involves the school community in evaluating its effectiveness as a church school (impact of vision, collective worship and RE)

3. Your duties and responsibilities:

- Maintain the school's original foundation by ensuring that the school is engaged with the diocese
- Have a clear understanding of the SIAMS inspection schedule and how the school has developed as a church school since inspection
- Understand the school's vision (priorities linked to church school education) and work alongside the headteacher's advocate to be a critical friend to the headteacher – support and challenge
- Liaise with parents/carers regarding Christian distinctiveness
- Be available during SIAMS inspections and annual diocesan reviews
- Attend the following meetings:

Autumn Term 1	School visit School advocate group meeting
Autumn Term 2	Link trustee group meeting
Spring term 1	School visit School advocate group meeting
Spring Term 2	Link trustee group meeting
Summer Term 1	School visit School advocate group meeting
Summer Term 2	Link trustee group meeting Annual governance event

4. Support you will receive:

- Briefings on key trust and church school initiatives from the headteacher and diocese
- Governance event to be held at the end of each academic year with the opportunity to meet advocates and headteachers from other schools, trustees, members and the exec team
- Induction, including safeguarding training and DBS, mental health/well-being training, other relevant training/CPD and IT support
- Link trustee

5. Reporting back:

- Verbal reports at school meetings
- Verbal reports at link trustee meeting (to give advocates a voice at trust board level)
- Short written feedback form for link trustee once a term (to give advocates a voice at board level)

6. Knowing the impact of your role:

- Discussions with the headteacher and SIAMS inspectors
- Smooth implementation of new initiatives and projects
- Written feedback from the school
- Written feedback from the board of trustees