

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY STATEMENT

PROVISION OF SCHOOL PLACES - PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Within the Diocese of Southwark, decisions regarding the provision of school places will be made with reference to the following principles:

- (i) Maintaining the historic places in voluntary aided schools;
- (ii) Maintaining and increasing places in voluntary aided schools;
- (iii) Explore opportunities to develop new voluntary aided church schools;
- (iv) Promoting extended schools provision and community cohesion
- (v) promoting the development of schools in order to achieve single year groups i.e. whole forms of entry
- (vi) Promoting pre-statutory provision in the form of nursery classes;
- (vii) Recognising that one form of entry primary schools are viable and, in the main, very effective;
- (viii) Supporting small C of E rural schools as centres for their communities;
- (ix) While recognising the arguments for integration of pupils with special educational needs the Board believes that pupils with profound and complex disabilities will require special provision.
- (x) Monitoring sixth form provision where this exists and promoting such provision where it is practicable to do so and where it is supported by governing bodies and demanded by parents;
- (xi) Promoting high quality education demonstrating Christian beliefs as expressed in the ethos statement of the school's Instrument of Government; and
- (xii) Recognising the role of the school in the mission of the Church and the life of the community.

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