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Background

As a practising Catholic, I have great passion for Religious Education, my own faith and the Catholic faith development in both children and staff. It is this that motivates and encourages me to want to work more collaboratively with other schools, supporting and inspiring them to grow and helping them to overcome their school-specific challenges.

I strongly believe that effective system leadership provides peer-led support where leaders can develop and flourish in their roles. It is having that common goal and a coalition of willing, that allows for a successful collaboration and through sharing resources and ideas that a significant and sustained impact can be achieved.

I also strongly believe that, by working alongside each other it is possible to develop the highest quality RE education not just for the children at St Joseph's, but for all children involved. It is also, only through working collaboratively that we can truly live out our mission as Christians. It is also this, that inspires and drives me to take part in system leadership.

I have held the role of subject leader for the school for RE for the last 10 years. Having enjoyed working with our network of Primary Deanery schools throughout my time at St Joseph's, I have benefitted from and provided a huge amount of mutual support in both curriculum and RE leadership.

I believe that by being in this fortunate position, I have a responsibility to share my expertise and skills through system leadership, so that other leaders may make significant improvements to their own practice.

Support I am able to offer

- Developing collective worship and prayer life of the school
- Advice, support and modelling of creative teaching and learning in RE
- Advice and support in working with the parish priest and using the church as a resource.
- Support with the monitoring and assessment of RE
- Support with professional development of staff, including INSET for NQTs and teachers new to Catholic schools
- Support with child-led liturgy