

Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Education



Service of Affirmation for a School Governor

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SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION FOR A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

This short service should take place at the main Sunday Service of the Parish, after the appointment of the Governor has been made.

Priest
/Leader

“We are to maintain the truth in a spirit of love: so shall we fully grow up into Christ” (Eph 4 : 15)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: as Christians our faith and hope is in a God who, in Jesus, was born as one of us. Through his childhood at Nazareth, and his understanding displayed among the teachers in the Temple; in the imagery of his preaching and teaching, he affirmed our human growth and called us to the maturity of spiritual development. His words challenge us to consider again the significance of childhood. Calling the children to Him, He said:

“It is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

(Luke 18 : 16)

The education of children and young people is therefore a special calling, and all those engaged in it need the support, encouragement and prayers of the church.

Name you have agreed to become a Governor of School in this Parish/the Parish of Will you undertake your duties with care and thoughtfulness, remembering always the importance of the task entrusted to you?

Governor
All

Priest/
Leader

I will
We will support you.

Lord God,
Your love calls one of us to grow from childhood into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Pour down the power of your Spirit on our schools, their governors and staff; Give them wisdom and understanding, patience and strength of purpose. In all their dealings may your love fill their hearts and minds. Prosper them in every effort and bless the children in their care. We ask this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Priest and the congregation together say the following blessing:

May the Lord Jesus, who, in Nazareth, shared the life of a community in home and school, bless and sustain you in the work you have undertaken.

Amen