



Diocese of Canterbury
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Children, Schools and Young People Team

Training Directory

2023 – 2024

The Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education (CDBE) is engaged in ministry with children and young people across the Diocese of Canterbury, whether in schools or parishes, focusing firmly on deepening relationships and nourishing those we support and walk alongside. In particular, we endeavour to engage closely with Church of England schools as they strive to provide a high-quality Christian education which enables every child to flourish; providing first-rate professional advocacy, advice and support that represents excellent value for money.

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Introduction

In the ever-evolving educational landscape we delight in new connections and relationships and are pleased to share our new **training directory** to benefit all schools and collaborative networks within our diocesan boundaries.

Charges

For all courses and events, two prices are shown in the directory:

'**CSC**' refers to those Church Schools who contribute to our annual 'Core Services' scheme.

'**Non-CSC**' is all other schools.

We are mindful that schools are under exceptional financial pressure and therefore, we have decided not to increase our charges for individual training sessions or networks. The virtual platform has, however, enabled us to provide a wider variety of training content.

Please note that all prices exclude VAT; invoices will be sent in the name of our trading company, 'Ethos School Improvement Limited'.

Booking and non-attendance

Booking is essential so that we can monitor our support and provide confirmation to SIAMS inspectors. Participants are asked to give at least 48 hours' notice if they need to cancel their place, as **all** 'no-shows' will be charged at the **Non-CSC** rate.

Bespoke training

In addition to this core offer, bespoke training is also available, for which there is likely to be a supplementary charge. Please contact [Rebecca Swansbury](#) to discuss your training needs on:

- Discerning your distinctive Christian vision and associated values
- Collective Worship, Spiritual development, wellbeing for school leaders, School Effectiveness, Character Education
- Distinctive Governance, senior leadership development including NPQH coaching and supervision
- Effective RE teaching, curriculum and assessment.

GDPR:

The information entered onto our booking forms will be used and stored solely for the purposes of your booking and for recording your attendance. If you want to know how we use your data and who we might share it with, please [click here to read our privacy policy](#), or call 01227 459401 to request a copy.



Who is who?

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Virtual live / In- person training sessions

Leadership and Governance

To book a place at one of these training sessions please visit our training platform

<https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/>

Preparing for SIAMS Inspection		
<p>This session is to support school leaders in preparing for their SIAMS inspection.</p> <p>ONLY FOR SCHOOLS who were last inspected in 2017</p> <p>The session will include input on and exploration of the new SIAMS Framework and what this might look like in each school context.</p> <p>There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the inspection preparation and process.</p> <p>→ This training works best when a small team from your school attends and works through the material together. This could include the headteacher, SLT members, governor representation and any clergy from your school. (Maximum 4 per school)</p> <p>Audience: Headteacher, Senior Leaders, Governors, Clergy</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Time: 9:30am-2:00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 1	<p>Friday 6th October 2023</p> <p>Petham Village Hall</p> <p>Book here</p>

Preparing for SIAMS Inspection		
<p>This session is to support school leaders in preparing for their SIAMS inspection.</p> <p>For ANY school who wishes to attend</p> <p>The session will include input on and exploration of the new SIAMS Framework and what this might look like in each school context.</p> <p>There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the inspection preparation and process.</p> <p>→ This training works best when a small team from your school attends and works through the material together. This could include the headteacher, SLT members, governor representation and any clergy from your school. (Maximum 4 per school)</p> <p>Audience: Headteacher, Senior Leaders, Governors, Clergy</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Time: 9:30am-2:00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph / Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 4	<p>Friday 8th March 2024</p> <p>Petham Village Hall</p> <p>Book here</p>



Induction training – New Governors in Church of England Schools

<p>This session is essential for all governors who are new to governing bodies in Church of England schools. We will explore what effective governance looks like in a Church of England school context.</p> <p>Audience: ALL New Governors Format: Live Zoom Time: 6.00pm– 7.30 pm Led by: Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 1	12 th October 2023 Book here
	Term 3	10 th January 2024 Book here
	Term 5	20 th May 2024 Book here

Supporting Governors with the new 2023 SIAMS framework

<p>This session is for all governors. We will explore the expectations of the new SIAMS framework from the point of view of a governor in a Church of England school context.</p> <p>Audience: ALL Governors Format: Live Zoom Time: 6.00pm– 7.30 pm Led by: Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 2	15 th November 2023 Book here
	Term 4	4 th March 2024 Book here

Governance – Effective monitoring and asking the ‘right’ questions

<p>This session is for all governors. We will explore what effective monitoring looks like and support one another in considering what the ‘right’ questions are to ask as governors. We will also explore how Governors can answer the question ‘how effective is your school as a Church of England school?’</p> <p>Audience: ALL Governors Format: Live Zoom Time: 6.00pm– 7.30 pm Led by: Rebecca Swansbury</p>	Term 2	11 th December 2023 Book here
	Term 4	25 th March 2024 Book here



Training for Members and Directors of Churches / SATs

This session is for Members and Directors to share experiences and good practice, whilst exploring their complementary roles and responsibilities in ensuring effective governance in Academy Trusts with Church Articles.

Audience: Members and Directors in CE MAT and SATS

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 6:00pm – 8.00pm

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury & Quentin Roper

Term 2

Monday 2nd October 2023

[Book here](#)

Supporting and facilitating Headteacher Appraisal

Looking in detail at the role of the governing body in facilitating a Headteacher Appraisal in a CE school.

The session will explore the:

- Legal requirements for the process including evaluation and setting of objectives and salaries
- How this should reflect the Christian vision and values in your church school

Please note that this session is recommended for **all** governors involved in headteacher appraisal.

Audience: Governors

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Led by: Rebecca Swansbury and Peter Gregory

Term 5

Wednesday 8th May 2024

[Book here](#)



Virtual Live Forums / Network meetings

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Headteachers Forum	
<p>This forum seeks to connect Headteachers around the Diocese by giving them a safe space to discuss and share good practice and wisdom.</p> <p>It is also an opportunity for the Diocesan team to share important updates or gather feedback on policy and practice from those on the ground.</p> <p>Audience: Headteachers, Heads of School or Executive Leaders</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 10.00am – 11.00am</p> <p>Led by: Rebecca Swansbury & Quentin Roper</p> <p>Zoom links will be sent out in the Schools Mailing before each session.</p>	Wednesday 4 th October 2023
	Thursday 7 th December 2023
	Thursday 8 th February 2024
	Thursday 9 th May 2024

Rural and Small Schools Network	
<p>Audience: Headteachers, Head of School or Executive Leaders of Rural and Small schools.</p>	<p>Invitations and more information to follow</p>

RE Leaders Network		
<p>It is so important to work alongside colleagues who share a similar role within school. Come and be part of these regular sessions to keep up to date with national issues and news in RE and to share practical ideas to enhance your leadership of RE in your school.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p> <p>Extra Session for 2023 RE: Refresh and Regroup - Friday 22nd September See information below</p>	<p>Term 2 Zoom</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd November 2023</p> <p>Book here</p>
	<p>Term 4</p>	<p>See you at the RE Conference!</p>
	<p>Term 6 Zoom</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th June 2024</p> <p>Book here</p>

Collective worship Leaders Network

This network is aimed at those in church schools responsible for Collective Worship. Come and be part of these sessions to share strategies and practical ideas to enhance your leadership and practice of CW in your school. (Religious Education will not be covered during these meetings)

Audience: CW Leaders, leaders and Clergy

Format: Live Zoom

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Led by: Natalie Ralph

You only need to book once for Term 1 and 5:

[**Book here**](#)

Term 1
Zoom

Thursday 28th September
2023

Term 3

Collective Worship Conference
Tuesday 23rd January 2024
Venue TBC

Term 5
Zoom

Tuesday 14th May 2024



Virtual live / In- person training sessions

Religious Education

To book a place at one of these training sessions please visit our training platform
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RE Leaders: Refresh and Regroup	
<p>A session for ALL RE leaders in schools to come along to and be brought up to date on anything that you might have missed during the last 3 years. There have been key updates, resources and developments in the RE world in recent years along with a new SIAMS framework to unpack. It will be a time of refreshing and regrouping, so we can all move forward together into this new school year and beyond.</p> <p>Audience: RE leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 1:30pm – 4.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1</p> <p>Friday 22nd September 2023</p> <p>Book here</p>

Help! I'm the new RE Leader	
<p>This session is for new RE leaders to explore the expectations and responsibilities of being an effective RE leader in a Church of England school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet other leaders in a similar position to you.</p> <p>Audience: RE leaders new to the role Format: In person Venue: The John Wesley CE and Methodist Primary School Time: 1.30pm – 4.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1</p> <p>Thursday 5th October 2023</p> <p>Book here</p>

RE Leaders Conference	
<p>Following the success of last year's RE Conference and the feedback we received, we have decided to make this an annual occurrence! This is a great opportunity for RE leaders to gather to share good practice and ideas to revitalise their RE provision in school.</p> <p>More details to follow.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: In person Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 4</p> <p>Thursday 21st March 2024</p> <p>Book here</p> <p>CSC schools use coupon code: realeader2023-24</p> <p>Venue: Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent</p>

InspiREd RE Leadership Development course		
<p>InspiREd is a subject leader development programme, which has a vision to inspire and enable those with responsibility for RE in being 'strategic, impactful and flourishing leaders.'</p> <p>The programme is aimed at leaders who want to develop their subject leadership skills in a primary or middle school setting to ensure it is strategic, has an impact on the whole school and is driven by the school's distinctive Christian vision.</p> <p>TO REGISTER FOR A PLACE please contact Natalie Ralph</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph & Ryan Parker</p>	Session 1	Friday 19th January 2024
	Session 2	Friday 1 st March 2024
	Session 3	Friday 26th April 2024
	Session 4	Friday 27th September 2024
	Session 5	Friday 29 th November 2024

Introduction to Humanism		
<p>A great opportunity for RE leaders to explore Humanism as a non-religious world view. Leaders will gain confidence in key subject knowledge and an understanding of how this worldview could fit within their curriculum mapping for RE in their school.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 1	Friday 20 th October 2023 Book here

Introduction to World Views Approach in RE		
<p>In light of the 2021 OFSTED research review, the revised Kent Agreed Syllabus and the current thinking on the teaching of RE, this is an ideal opportunity for RE leaders to come together and begin exploring the concept of world views in RE.</p> <p>Audience: RE Leaders Format: Live Zoom Time: 2-4:00pm Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 1	Thursday 30 th November 2023 Book here



Virtual live / In-person training sessions

Collective Worship

To book a place at one of these training sessions please visit our training platform

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Help! I'm the new Collective Worship Leader		
<p>A session for leaders new to leading collective worship. Come and explore the expectations and responsibilities of the role with other new CW leaders.</p> <p>Audience: Collective worship leaders new to the role</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 1</p>	<p>Thursday 12th October 2023</p> <p>Book here</p>

Planning and leading acts of collective worship & involving pupils in worship		
<p>This session will explore the structure of an act of worship and practical ideas for planning a range of experiences within it. The second part of the session will look at strategies for engaging pupils in planning, leading and evaluating acts of worship in school.</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, teachers, governors and clergy</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Venue: The John Wesley CE Methodist Primary School</p> <p>Time: 1.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 2</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd November 2023</p> <p>Book here</p>

Collective Worship Leaders Conference		
<p>Following the success of last year's RE Conference we decided to host a conference for CW leaders. The conference will seek to explore what it means to 'flourish spiritually in collective worship'. More details to follow.</p> <p>Audience: CW Leaders</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	<p>Term 3</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd January 2024</p> <p>Book here</p> <p>CSC schools use coupon code: realeader2023-24</p>



Virtual live / In-person training sessions

Spiritual Development

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An Introduction to Spirituality		
<p>What is spirituality? What does spirituality look like in a school? How can we recognise and celebrate moments of spirituality in our schools?</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers</p> <p>Format: Live Zoom</p> <p>Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 3	Thursday 8 th February 2024 Book here

Spirituality: Going Deeper		
<p>Following on from 'An Introduction to Spirituality' we will look in detail at what we mean by spiritual development and spiritual flourishing in your school. What can it look like in practice? How can we evidence spiritual development?</p> <p>Audience: CW leaders, Headteachers, teachers</p> <p>Format: In person</p> <p>Venue: The John Wesley CE Methodist Primary School</p> <p>Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Led by: Natalie Ralph</p>	Term 5	Friday 10 th May 2024 Book here



Pre-recorded training videos – all the videos come with accompanying resources and planning support documents

To gain access to one of the pre-recorded videos please visit our training platform

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RE training CSC Free Non-CSC £50	Booking link
Understanding Christianity KS1 teaching, learning and planning support <i>(Includes how to plan an Understanding Christianity unit video and exploring the Understanding big frieze video)</i>	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/understanding-christianity-ks1-learning-planning-support
Understanding Christianity LKS2 teaching, learning and planning support <i>(Includes how to plan an Understanding Christianity unit video and exploring the Understanding big frieze video)</i>	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/understanding-christianity-ks2-learning-planning-support
Understanding Christianity Year 5 teaching, learning and planning support <i>(Includes how to plan an Understanding Christianity unit video and exploring the Understanding big frieze video)</i>	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/understanding-christianity-yr-5-learning-planning-support
Understanding Christianity Year 6 teaching, learning and planning support <i>(Includes how to plan an Understanding Christianity unit video and exploring the Understanding big frieze video)</i>	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/understanding-christianity-yr-6-learning-planning-support
Effective RE in EYFS	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/effective-re-in-eyfs-1
Judaism KS1 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/teaching-judaism-ks1
Judaism UKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/teaching-judaism-ks2
Islam KS1 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/islam-ks1-subject-knowledge-and-planning-support
Islam UKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/islam-uks2-subject-knowledge-and-planning-support
Sikh LKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/sikhi-uks2-subject-knowledge-and-planning-support
Hindu Dharma LKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/hindu-dharma-lks2-subject-knowledge-and-planning-support



Help! I'm the new RE leader	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/help-i-m-the-new-re-leader
New to teaching RE in a Church of England school	To follow
Humanism KS1 – subject knowledge and planning support	To follow
Humanism LKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	To follow
Humanism UKS2 – subject knowledge and planning support	To follow
Introduction to World Views Approach in RE	To follow

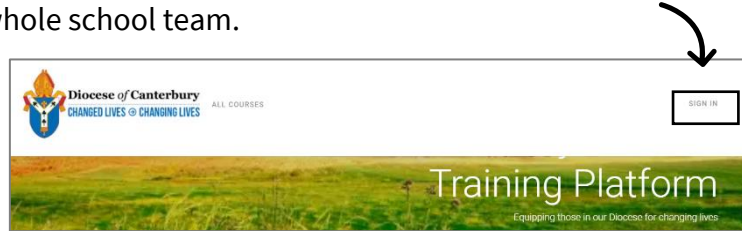
Collective worship training CSC Free Non-CSC £50	Booking link
Planning and leading an act of worship	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/planning-and-leading-an-act-of-worship
Pupil led acts of worship	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/pupil-led-acts-of-worship
New to leading Collective Worship in a Church of England school	To follow

Other CSC Free Non-CSC £35	Booking link
New to working and teaching in a Church school (Those new to post, not ECF teachers) This training session will give teachers an opportunity to explore what it means to work in a Church of England school. It will cover Christian Distinctiveness and best practice in RE and Collective Worship.	https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/courses/new-to-working-in-a-church-school

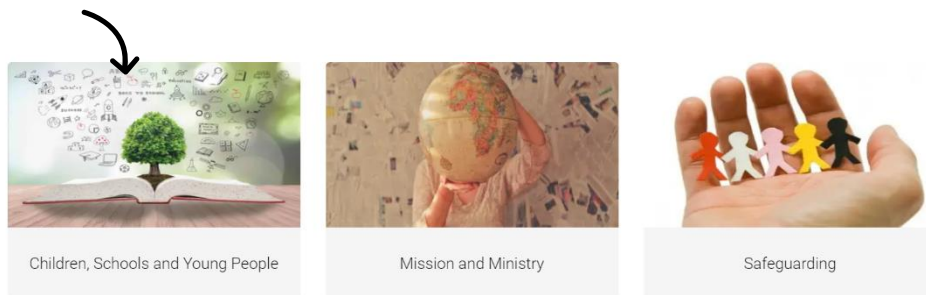


How to book courses / pre-recorded videos, pay and access them

1. Go to the training platform home page <https://canterburydiocese-training.thinkific.com/>
2. Click on sign in (top right hand of the page)
Create a personal account and login. EVERY teacher will need to create their own login to access courses, network events and pre-recorded training videos. Please DO NOT share logins or have one login for a whole school team.



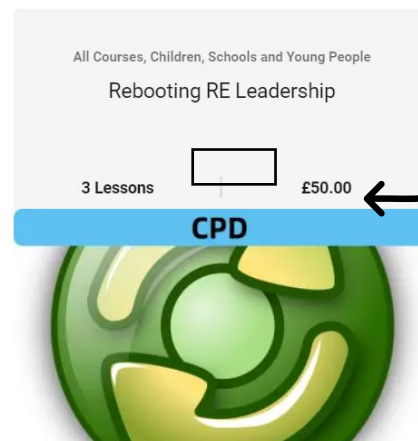
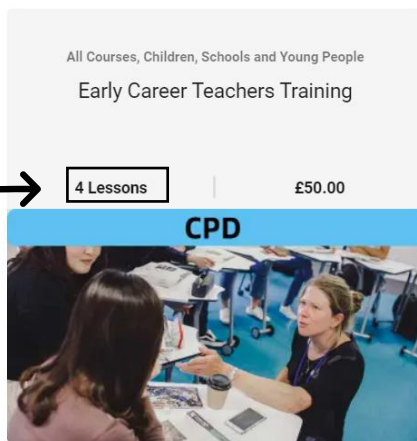
3. Once signed in, Click on Children, Schools and Young People to view all the training sessions and pre-recorded videos.



4. View all the training on offer

This does NOT mean there are 4 lessons or sessions – this figure refers to the number of resources included with the training.

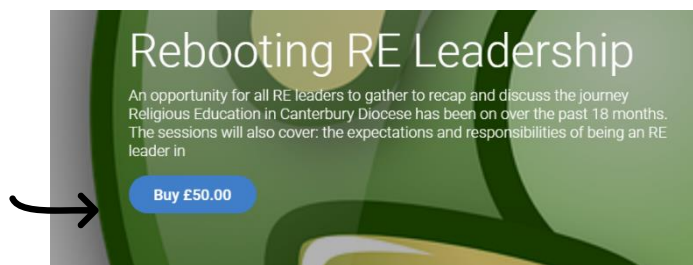
Some courses do have more than one session – you will find this information when you click on the course itself.



The cost on each course is for Church schools that DO NOT pay their core-service contribution and for community school

For schools who do pay their core-service contribution see information about charging below.

5. Click on the course / pre-recorded training video you would like to access. Click on Buy. This will take you through to the payment page. If you haven't created an account or logged in, it will ask you to do this now.



- You will then be asked to complete your purchase.
If your school pays their core-service contribution, click on 'Have a coupon' and input your coupon code. (This will be given to you by your school finance team)

Complete your purchase

Rebooting RE Leadership £50.00 GBP

Total Price £50.00 GBP

[HAVE A COUPON?](#)

Card Information

Card number MM / YY CVC

Purchase

If your school DOES NOT pay their core-service contribution, then you will need to input a school credit or debit card number to purchase the course.

- Once the coupon code or payment has been accepted it will say 'Enrol now' and on the next page 'Start learning'. You will get an email receipt for your booking.
- My Dashboard – When you have booked into a training session or pre-recorded video, you will be able to access the resources and booking links at anytime by clicking on 'My Dashboard' All of your booked courses will be stored here.



My courses

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Preparing for SIAMS Inspection:
11th October 2021 : 4pm - 6.30pm

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knowledge and planning support

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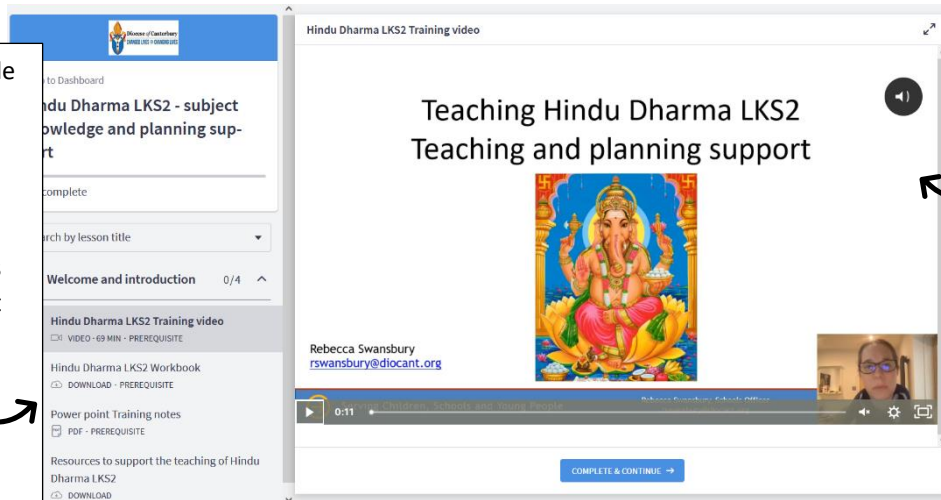
Pre-recorded

- Zoom links and accompanying resources for each virtual live training session can be found by clicking on each event you have booked onto.

10. Pre-recorded videos and accompanying resources can be found by clicking on the training video you have booked onto.
11. Pre-recorded training videos – These will be available to watch as soon as they have been purchased.

The downloadable resources can be found here.

Some have PREREQUISITE beside them, this means they must be downloaded and used or read to enable you to complete the course.



The videos are embedded into the website, so they can't be downloaded, but can be watched multiple times.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact Pip Tanton ptanton@diocant.org

