



The Church's approach to its school can be by

1. Praying regularly for the schools' staff and children
2. Seeing that work with school is an integral part of pastoral or teaching ministries
3. Welcoming school groups to the church building for RE and other lessons
4. Inviting schools to display artwork, provide music or take part in specific services
5. Holding a fun morning, holiday or midweek club on school premises
6. Encouraging the congregation to support local school events
7. Reporting on work with schools to the church council and AGM
8. Encouraging young people to consider teaching or other work in school as a career

The Church can serve its schools by

9. Leading or helping with a school or class act of worship
10. Holding a special service for Christmas or the beginning or end of the school term
11. Dedication of a new building or room
12. Helping with RE lessons
13. Using the church building and graveyard for lessons
14. Holding school plays or concerts in church if the school hall is not large enough
15. Assisting in the classroom or with reading groups
16. Offering a skill such as playing the piano or coaching a sport
17. Helping with class outings or administration
18. Helping with school events or Christmas parties
19. Providing ongoing pastoral support to staff and pupils
20. Running a 'Christian Union' type club during the lunch hour
21. Leading a prayer group or 'Emmaus' type of course for parents
22. Helping with breakfast or after-school care
23. Having an informal midweek service
24. Using a spare classroom for a toddler club
25. Providing a second worship centre when housing is a distance from the church
26. And there is always being a school governor!

Notes

1. CRB enhanced checks will be required for anyone who is helping regularly in school
2. Careers in education range from teaching to being involved with catering and site maintenance. The department for Children, Schools and Families website gives comprehensive information. Your local authority's education department will provide information on opportunities for local training and employment as well as on being a School Governor.