**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy;**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :               24th March 2021**

Dear colleagues

Further to my earlier message about the **Year 6 Leavers’** services, attached is booklet of activities and ideas that we’d ask you to consider sharing with Year 6 teachers, so we have a common theme across our schools and in particular a shared legacy from this exceptional year. The theme is **Irises of Hope** and we will feature aspects of this from various schools in the Leavers’ Video that we will circulate for your end of term worship.

We remain unable to organise in-person **Area Briefings** so invite you to attend one of the following virtual gatherings. You’ll see that each one has a regional ‘venue’ – please feel free to attend any meeting, but we thought it may be helpful if colleagues particularly want to attend with neighbouring governors/Headteachers/clergy, that this may be a way of maintaining some sense of identity. Would you please email my PA [Sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:Sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org) with your choice and you will receive log-on details. Please let me know if you’d like anything added to the agenda which is currently:

1. 2021-2022 Diocesan Project : **Ten Ten *#flourishing***
2. SIAMS update
3. Education Team ways of working post-pandemic
4. Website & resources for schools and parishes
5. Sharing of good practice :How have schools effectively managed collective worship through lockdown? What has governor monitoring looked like during lockdown?

The dates and times of the Zoom meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 21st April      1.30-3pm             Isle of Wight Schools

Thursday 22nd April          1.30-3pm             Bournemouth and New Forest Area Schools

Wednesday 28th April      1.30-3pm             Southampton and Winchester Area Schools

Thursday 29th April          1.30-3pm             Portsmouth Area Schools

Wed 5th May                     9.30-11am          Alton Area Schools

Thursday 6th May             1.30-3pm             Andover Area Schools

Fri 7th May                         9.30-11am          Basingstoke and Northern Area Schools

Wishing you a well-deserved break and a pleasant Easter.

Best wishes

Jeff

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