

## What is 'Connect'?

RE in school – we believe that this can be far more than an add-on. Values and faith can be a strong vibrant base on which to build; we are passionate about developing whole people. With a wealth of experience, in a range of education and Christian settings, the team would be excited to grow something unique with you for your school and community.

We know that valuing people, being inclusive of all faiths and none whilst seeking a rich community enhances belonging, self-esteem and therefore learning.



## What does Connect look like?

<b>Let's Connect</b> An initial meeting with key stakeholders e.g. Headteacher, Senior leader, RE Co-ordinator, Governor. This is to build a picture of the school's position and the options that are available to move forward. This meeting may be all that's required for us to signpost you to resources.	Half-day at county supply rate
<b>Be Connected</b> A 'pick and mix' set of options discussed in the initial meeting. Model Lessons or Collective Worship in Primary schools Curriculum and RE Assessment Development (2015 Oxon. Agreed Syllabus) Short Term project INSET & Staff meetings Additional Support for RE Inspection & SIAMS Creative Spirituality workshops/programme/lessons Connecting schools together Local Church Community Connecting	At Connect our team are both qualified teachers and have experience of school management. The costs therefore are based on hours paid through the county supply system.
<b>Stay Connected</b> A more 'resident' style of relationship that may involve a team member e.g. appointed for five days a year as RE Co-ordinator; running termly or annual events;	

## What would Connecting mean?

We are looking for a few schools to pilot Connect. This would mean a free initial 'Let's Connect' session – which will help us confirm we understand what schools are looking for. Following this, should the school wish to, we can offer a range of the 'Be Connected' services at reduced cost in return for sharing successful stories, quotes for our next schools and honest personal feedback on the service we provide.

## **The Connect team**

### **Linds Ledger B Ed (Hons) QTS**

Linds has been Deputy Head Teacher in two Oxfordshire Primary schools, and acting Head in one. She has taught across the whole Primary age range. She brings her degree in RE and theology together with this teaching experience to the Connect team. Whilst teaching part-time she is a consultant for churches developing children's programmes and running events.

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### **Nick Jackson BSc (Hons) QTS**

Nick brings a wealth of experience from his Primary leadership roles, including Deputy Head teacher and his present role as the UK Director for a Children's Charity running local and national events; he is also a local school Governor, and leader of REInspired Oxford. Nick is experienced in training and mentoring teams and has experience of working overseas.

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