

Professional Profile

Name:	Chris Allen, IEB member
<p>Hello, my name is Chris Allen, I graduated in History and Qualified Teaching Status from the University of Leeds in 1997. My teaching career started in 1997 and took me to London, working in the London Borough of Hillingdon, then to Cambridgeshire and then from 2001 Norfolk. I have taught in all year groups in the primary age phase and a range of sizes of schools. I was a headteacher in Norfolk for 18 years, all in small rural Norfolk primary schools. My last role was 14 years as Executive Head across four small primary schools in North Norfolk. In September 2021, after 18-month secondment, I took up post as the Religious Education (RE) Adviser for the Diocese of Norwich. I am also currently leading on SIAMS, Collective Worship and Christian Distinctiveness. Outside of this role I have been a SIAMS inspector for Church of England schools for 9 years, an RE Quality Mark Assessor and most recently have taken on the role as Regional Director of the East Anglia RE Hub, working across Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Since 2004 I have been a member of various governing bodies in Norfolk schools and enjoy the shared leadership of schools and federations this offers.</p> <p>I supported my daughter throughout her education to see her settled her into university at the start of September 2022. I am also a Diocesan Schools Support Officer to support the leadership teams in LA schools and academies in West Norfolk. In September 2022 I was appointed as a member of the Interim Executive Board at The Saints Federation where we are focused on ensuring good provision and a secure future for the three schools- All Saints, Winfarthing, Hapton and St.Andrews, Lopham. We are very fortunate to have an experienced, dedicated leadership team to drive forward progress and stability for all members of the schools' communities and feel it is a privilege to support and challenge them in this work.</p>	