The GRACE Schools

Collaborative Framework

2026-2027

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Luke 2:40

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What are GRACE Schools?

The '**G**rantham **R**egion **A**ssociation of **C**hurch of **E**ngland Schools or GRACE Schools' is a group of Church of England Primary Schools, in Grantham, who work closely together to evaluate and enhance their provision and the services which they offer.

Core Group members of the Association are:

- Barrowby Church of England Primary School
- Claypole Church of England Primary School
- Denton Church of England Primary School
- Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School
- Great Ponton Church of England Primary School
- Harlaxton Church of England Primary School
- Long Bennington Church of England Academy
- Marston Thorold's Charity Church of England Primary School
- Ropsley Church of England Primary School
- St. Sebastian's Church of England Primary School

Partners in the Association are:

- Allington with Sedgebrook CE Primary School
- Ancaster CE Primary School
- St Anne's CE Primary School

Mission Statement and Aims of the Collaboration

As a GRACE School, each school is committed to working closely with the other schools to:

> *create a collaborative framework which will support schools, within the collaboration and provide an external view / validation; challenging where appropriate*

so that pupils irrespective of gender, race, creed or ability; staff; governors and parents can
– 'grow together,' so that all can fulfil their potential.

> *And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.*
>
> **Luke 2:40**

Terms of reference

The GRACE School's Collaboration will act as a strategic body to:

- Coordinate opportunities for pupils to interact and learn from each other;
- Develop strategic roles based on individual skills; and
- Empower and upskill all stakeholders.

This will be achieved through a range of professional development opportunities so that
all schools can benefit from:

- An objective view;
- Specialist support and advice;
- Rigour and challenge, within school improvement; and a
- Commitment to be outward looking and stay abreast of current developments.

GRACE School's Collaboration Structure

The aims of the association are facilitated and organised by the Core Group Headteachers of the following schools:

Barrowby Church of England Primary School	Len Batey
Claypole Church of England Primary School	Martyn Wells
Denton Church of England Primary School & Harlaxton Church of England Primary School	Sheriden Edwards
Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School	Amanda Crossland
Great Ponton Church of England Primary School	Keith Leader
Long Bennington Church of England Academy	David Nicholson
Ropsley Church of England Primary School	Ann Cook
St. Sebastian's Church of England Primary School & Marston and Thorold Church of England Primary School	Elaine Bedford

The Core Group meets 6 times, in an academic year to coordinate and feedback on GRACE School's activities. These meetings are scheduled for:

1. 5th October 2026	1.30-3pm GHF CE Primary School
2. 23rd November 2026	1.30-3pm Harlaxton CE Primary School
3. 25th January 2027	1.30-3pm Barrowby CE Primary School
4. 8th March 2027	1.30 – 3.00pm Claypole CE Primary School
5. 26th April 2027	1.30 - 3pm Long Bennington Academy
6. 21st June 2027	1.30 - 3pm Barrowby CE Primary School

Prior to the Core Group Meeting, each visiting Headteacher will:

1. Review the minutes taken from the previous meeting.
2. Acknowledge attendance of meetings with the host school and ensure any points for discussion are communicated ahead of the meeting for inclusion on the agenda.
3. Participate in Core Group Meeting.
4. Acknowledge receipt of the minutes and share with own Governing Body.

Each hosting Headteacher of the Core Group will:

1. Review minutes from the previous meeting and action any points e.g. invite supporting professionals, prepare documentation etc
2. Prepare agenda:
    - Welcome
    - Apologies
    - Updates in Education
    - School Updates
    - School Development Priorities
    - Inter-School Support
    - GRACE School's Framework: Dates and Updates
    - AOB
3. Send an invitation to all Core Group members including draft agenda.
4. Review/amend agenda in light of member's responses.
5. Facilitate Core Group Meetings: welcome members; coordinate events/visitors; take minutes; supply refreshments.
6. Share minutes with members of the Core Group.

Peer to Peer Review - Specialist Support

Each of the respective Headteachers will act as a 'Specialist' providing further external rigor and challenge to core and partner schools.

Headteachers will collaborate together to support each other.

Prior to the Peer to Peer Review, each visiting Headteacher will:

1. Arrange a preliminary discussion, before the visit to agree the purpose of the visit and agree the team involved e.g. senior and/or middle leaders.
2. View appropriate documentation and begin to identify activities for the visit.
3. Provide agenda, prior to the visit.
4. Conduct Peer to Peer Review.
5. Discuss outcomes of visit with host Headteacher and begin to populate Peer to Peer Review Report including appropriate CPD.
6. Finalise report and make it available to the host school and agree contact for progress updates (host school responsible for sharing report with governing body).
7. After 30 days, arrange a discussion to identify progress made against targets developed.
8. After 90 days, arrange a discussion to finalise feedback statement.
9. Confirmation of peer review; share report with Peer Review Lead Headteacher.
10. End of year: peer review lead headteacher to produce year-end impact statement.

Peer reviews for the academic year will be agreed during the academic year.

External Moderation

Throughout the academic year, there are External Moderation opportunities for writing scheduled for staff of all GRACE Schools, 2026-27.

Spring Term

External consultant: Catherine Caldwell will be arranged for Years 2, Year 4 and Year 6 in the spring term (to provide CPD):

February 4th 2025: Year 2 (am) and Year 4 (pm) Barrowby;
February 5th 2025: Year 6 (am) Barrowby.

Extended Activities

GRACE Schools is a collaborative network which offers an extensive range of bespoke activities. These include opportunities for shared:

- Continuous Professional Development;
- Educational Psychologist;
- Moderation Activities;
- Peer to Peer Review;
- Resources;
- Consultancy Support;
- Supporting Schools;
- Supporting Governors;
- Specialist Support.

If interested in participating in these activities, please contact one of the Headteacher's of the GRACE Schools.

Appendix 1

GRACE Schools - Peer Review Report

School……Head Teacher……
Date……..
Reviewer ……..
Lead Reviewer…….

Focus for the Peer Review:
Members of the Peer to Peer Review
Description of the review length and what was seen or collected:
Areas of Strength:
Areas for Development:
Recommendations-next steps e.g. CPD, staff dissemination
Shared Resources:
Feedback-30 days:
Feedback-90 days:

Appendix 2

GRACE Schools - Moderation Summary Record

Date of moderations:

Names of Schools attending			
Names of teachers in attendance			
Moderators' contexts (Year group / responsibility / new to school? / NQT ?)		Focus for Moderation	

Key Issues / context (*include recent data analysis or contextual changes which may provide background to the moderation / visit)*	
Discussion Points	and Agreed Actions (if any)

Any comments / summary?

Form completed by (print name):

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Appendix 3

GRACE Schools - Internal/External Moderation Form

Setting:	
Date:	
Moderating Teacher:	
Year Group:	
Description of Sample:	
Percentage of judgements:	Accurate: Changed:

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

School:			
Child's Name	Teacher Assessment	Moderator Assessment	Level Agreed
Comment:			

Teacher signature: _____ Date:_____

Moderating Teacher's signature: _____

Position:_____

School:_____

Appendix 4

Directory of Subject Specialists

Art

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Rachel	Tomlinson
Barrowby	Sarah	Banfield
Claypole	Emma	Bowles
GHF	Kirsty	Rhodes
Harlaxton	Cleo	Maksoud
Long Bennington	Rachel	Mills
Marston Thorold's	Roxanne	Graney
Ropsley	Ann	Cook
St Sebastian's	Emily	McKee

Assessment

School	Surname	Forename
Ancaster	Wayne	Bignell
Barrowby	Batey	Len
Claypole	Wells	Martyn
GHF	Davidson	Rachel
GHF	Watson	Jayne
Long Bennington	Baliol-Key	Eleanor
Ropsley	Cook	Ann
St Sebastian's	Waddell	Michelle

Business Managers / Administrator

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Debra	Moore
Barrowby	Tom	Liddiard
Claypole	Cheryl	Kempster
GHF	Janice	Pearson
Great Ponton	Kym	Morrisroe
Harlaxton	Tara	Whyley
Long Bennington	Steve	Korcz
Marston Thorold's	Amy	Parnham
Ropsley	Georgina	Gardner

Computing

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Wayne	Bignell
Barrowby	Sam	Caton
Claypole	Ben	Morgan
GHF	Jen	Marshall
Great Ponton	Keith	Leader
Harlaxton & Denton	Lisa	Ironmonger
Long Bennington	Sally	Copley
Marston Thorold's	Roxanne	Graney
Ropsley	Ann	Cook

Design & Technology

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Abigail	Dickinson
Barrowby	James	Liversidge
Claypole	Kate	Summerfield
Denton	Sheriden	Edwards
Marston Thorold's	Roxanne	Graney
Ropsley	Rebecca	Spencer
St Sebastian's	Emily	McKee
GHF	Clare	Gaylard
Long Bennington	Charlene	Fraser

English

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Hayley	Footit
Barrowby	Tabitha India Natasha	Ward Lees Selby
Claypole	Lesley Lizzy	Bray Silby
Denton	Claire	Finder
Great Ponton	Amanda	McDonnell
GHF	Wendy	Daley
Harlaxton	Matthew	Dodsworth
Long Bennington (Writing)	Jim	Haigh
Long Bennington (Reading)	Susie	Jones
Marston Thorold's	Amy	Critchley
Ropsley	Hattie Rebecca	Hubbard Spencer
St Sebastian's	Amy	Critchley

EVC

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Andrew	Kidd
Barrowby	Tabitha Natasha	Ward Selby
Claypole	Martyn	Wells
GHF	Sarah	Garland
Long Bennington	Jim	Haigh
Ropsley	Hattie	Hubbard
St Sebastian's	Amy	Parnham

EYFS

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Hayley	Footitt
Barrowby	Natasha	Selby
Claypole	Lynn	Kurvink
GHF	Sarah	Geraghty
Harlaxton	Kirsty	Payne
Long Bennington	Susie	Jones
Marston & Thorold	Carys	Cant
Ropsley	Charlotte	Quinton Smith
St Sebastian's	Louise	Moxham

History

School	Forename	Surname
Barrowby	Sue	Watson
Claypole	James	Tyrrell
GHF	Peggy	Hills
Harlaxton	Natasha	Middleton
Denton	Charlotte	Welbourne
Long Bennington	Rachel	Mills
Marston Thorold's	Jacqui	Fulcher
Ropsley	Rachel	Cartwright
St Sebastian's	Jacqui	Fulcher

Geography

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Rosie	Bennett
Barrowby	Sue	Watson
Claypole	Ben	Morgan
GHF	Alex	Tosh
Harlaxton	Natasha	Middleton
Denton	Helen	Ainsworth
Long Bennington	Jim	Haigh
Marston Thorold's	Jacqui	Fulcher
Ropsley	Sally	Harrison
St Sebastian's	Jacqui	Fulcher

Mathematics

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Wayne	Bignell
Barrowby	Tabitha	Ward
Claypole	Kate	Summerfield
GHF	Shelley	Arthurs
Great Ponton	Keith	Leader
Harlaxton & Denton	Anita	Coupland
Long Bennington	Diana	Flint
Marston Thorold's	Ian	Woolerton
Ropsley	Catherine	Langley
St Sebastian's	Dale	Palmer

MFL

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Andrew	Kidd
Barrowby	David	Olalere
Claypole	Tammy	Hussein
Harlaxton & Denton	Natasha	Middleton
GHF	Sarah	Garland
Great Ponton	Sarah	Bevin
Long Bennington	Diana	Flint
Marston Thorold's	Ian	Woolerton
Ropsley	Catherine	Langley
St Sebastian's	Dale	Palmer

Music

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Charlie	Pogson
Barrowby	James	Liversidge
Claypole	James	Tyrrell
GHF	Kirsty	Rhodes
Harlaxton	Debbie	Wicks
Long Bennington	Eleanor	Baliol-Key
Marston Thorold's	Cathy	Liversidge
Ropsley From Term 3	Charlotte	Quinton Smith
St Sebastian's	Cathy	Liversidge

PE

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Sammie	Cutell
Barrowby	Sarah	Banfield
Claypole	Emma	Bowles
Denton	Linda	Orme
Harlaxton	Charlotte	Welbourne
GHF	Jo	Spendlove
Great Ponton	Keith	Leader
Long Bennington	Rachel	Handley
Marston Thorold's	Louise	Moxham
Ropsley	Hattie	Hubbard
St Sebastian's	Callum/ Louise	Johnson/ Moxham

PSCHE

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Abigail	Dickinson
Barrowby	Natasha	Selby
Claypole	Lynn	Kurvink
GHF	Emma	Spence
Harlaxton & Denton	Linda	Orme
Long Bennington	Rachel	Newcombe
Marston Thorold's	Helen	Copson
Ropsley	Ann	Cook
St Sebastian's	Helen	Copson

Pupil Premium

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Hayley Debra	Footitt Moore
Barrowby	Tabitha	Ward
Claypole	Lizzy	Silby
GHF	Sarah	Garland
Long Bennington	Rachel	Newcombe
Ropsley	Louise	North
St Sebastian's	Louise	Moxham

RE

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Fiona	Green
Barrowby	Natasha	Selby
Claypole	Lizzy	Silby
Denton	Rachel	Harper
Great Ponton	Jo	Oliver
GHF	Jo	Spendlove
Harlaxton	Choley	Birch
Long Bennington	Hannah	Anderson
Marston Thorold's	Ian	Woolerton
Ropsley	Jane	Wynne
St Sebastian's	Helen	Copson

Science

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Andrew	Kidd
Barrowby	Sam	Caton
Claypole	Kate	Summerfield
Harlaxton & Denton	Michelle	Hailes
GHF	Peggy	Hills
Great Ponton	Amanda	McDonnell
Long Bennington	Jane	White
Marston Thorold's	Cathy	Liversidge
Ropsley	Jane	Wynne
St Sebastian's	Cathy	Liversidge

SEND

School	Forename	Surname
Ancaster	Rachel	Tomlinson
Barrowby	India	Lees
Claypole	Lynn	Kurvink
Harlaxton & Denton	Rachel	Harper
Great Ponton	Jo	Oliver
GHF	Sarah	Geraghty
Long Bennington	Liz	Woodrow
Marston Thorold's	Jacqui	Fulcher
Ropsley	Ann	Cook
St Sebastian's	Jacqui	Fulcher

Appendix 5

GRACE Schools - Governor Support

School……Governor ……

Date……..

School Visited ……..

Focus for the Governor Support:
Description and what was seen or collected:
Areas of Strength:
Areas for Development:
Recommendations:
Shared Resources:

Appendix 6

GRACE Schools – Cluster Meeting Minutes

Subject:…… Host School: …… Cluster Lead: ……

Date……

Attendance:

Partner Schools	Staff	Partner Schools	Staff
Barrowby		Great Ponton	
Claypole		Long Bennington	
Dudley House		Ropsley	
Denton		St. John's	
Harlaxton		St. Sebastian's	
Gonerby Hill Foot			

Apologies

Partner Schools	Staff	Partner Schools	Staff
Barrowby		Great Ponton	
Claypole		Long Bennington	
Dudley House		Ropsley	
Denton		St. John's	
Harlaxton		St. Sebastian's	
Gonerby Hill Foot			

Meeting & Notes for dissemination:

Agenda	Notes for dissemination	ACTION
Date of Next Meeting:		