

## **Southwark Diocesan Board of Education**

### **Statement of Planning Principles**

Within the Diocese of Southwark, decisions regarding the provision of school places will be made with reference to the following principles:

- Maintaining the historic places in voluntary aided schools;
- Maintaining and increasing places in voluntary aided schools;
- Promoting pre-statutory provision in the form of nursery classes;
- Recognising that one form of entry primary schools are viable and, in the main, very effective;
- Supporting small Church of England rural schools as centres for their communities;
- While recognising the arguments for integration of pupils with special educational needs the Board believes that pupils with profound and complex disabilities will require special provision;
- Monitoring Sixth Form provision where this exists and promoting such provision where it is practicable to do so and where it is supported by governing bodies and demanded by parents;
- Promoting high quality education demonstrating Christian beliefs as expressed in the ethos statement of the School's Instrument of Government; and
- Recognising the role of the school in the mission of the Church and the life of the community.