

Diocesan Council of Education

The Diocesan Board of Education was formed in 1839; often known as the Education Society, it dealt with matters concerning Church schools. It acquired its casual name formally in 1905, and in 1917 was incorporated into the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Board of Finance created an Education Committee to take over its work, and that became the Diocesan Council of Education in 1928.

A Diocesan Sunday Schools Association was founded in 1909, and its work was subsumed into the Council of Education in 1932.

The records in this section are as follows:

Minutes of the successive bodies from 1872 to 1976.

Accounts of the Education Society and its successors from 1907 to 1972.

Printed annual reports for 1839, 1848, 1910-13 and 1938-52.

General correspondence from 1927 to 1966.

Correspondence files relating to aided schools from 1950 to 1980; these detail the running of the schools and include 1957 returns on the state of school buildings, plans, estimates, invoices, some instruments of management and trust deeds, and a few applications for teaching posts.

Papers relating to Bernewode Secondary School from 1936 to 1982.

Papers relating to Diocesan inspection of schools from 1897 to 1972, with a single example 1853-4.

Returns of Church schools trust deed enquiry. 1902

Sunday Schools Association papers from 1909 to 1919.

Where to find records

The Diocesan records are all with the Oxfordshire History Centre, including those after 1836 relating to Berkshire and those after 1845 relating to Buckinghamshire. The records themselves are not online.

Catalogue

The Diocesan catalogue is unfortunately not on the History Centre's Heritage Search online catalogue, but an overview catalogue exists on. You will need to visit the History Centre to look at the full catalogue in printed form.

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