**Appendix 1 Chester Diocesan Syllabus: Definition of Concepts**

The Oxford English dictionary defines ‘concepts’ as **‘abstract ideas****’**. The list below are the concepts identified in **the Diocesan syllabus 2016** which have been adapted to suit any age of development. It is often helpful to identify concepts within three groupings; (as identified in ‘Primary Religious Education – ‘A New Approach’, 2011):

**Type A** -Concepts common to religions and to secular belief systems; eg love, peace, justice, suffering, freedom, hope, change.

**Type B** - Concepts common to many religions;eg God, worship, ritual, faith, holiness, salvation, sacred, prayer

**Type C** - Concepts particular to a specific religion/belief system; eg Islam: Ibadah, Tawhid, Umma

During Key Stage 1 and 2 these concepts will underpin all the content when teaching about Christianity.

***NB In addition to the main concepts above pupils will also encounter the following concepts within the syllabus:***

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| ***TYPE A Concepts******Forgiveness:*** The action or process of forgiving or being forgiven***.*** In the syllabus, this includes seeking Gods pardon for sin. ***Creation***: The process of bringing something into existence. This includes the bringing the existence of the universe. |
| ***TYPE B Concepts (Can also be Type C Concepts when in context)*** | ***TYPE C Concepts*** |
| ***Discipleship****:* the promises of God explored in covenant relationship with the followers. Following Jesus as a disciple learning from and entering into a relationship with God. (Disciples).  | ***Christian Community*** (church): The whole community of Christians who worship together. |
| ***God:*** (In Christianity and other monotheistic religions)the creator and rule of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being. | ***Incarnation*** (logos): The teaching that God took human form in **Jesus Christ**. It is also the belief that God in Christ is active in the Church and in the world |
| ***Kingdom of God****:* the reign and rule of God.  | ***Good news*** (gospel) The message of Jesus concerning the salvation/rescue of those who choose to follow him. |
| ***Salvation:*** * 1. The act of being set free, rescued, drawn back to God the [act](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/act) of saving or protecting from harm, risk, loss, destruction, etc.
	2. The state of being saved or protected from harm, risk, etc.
	3. A source, cause, or means of being saved or protected from harm, risk.
 | ***Resurrection***The rising from the dead of Jesus Christ on the third day after the crucifixion. The rising from the dead of believers at the Last Day. 1. The new or risen life of Christians
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|   | ***Holy Spirit:*** Three persons in one God; doctrine of the three-fold nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. |

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| ***TYPE A Concepts*** Love, peace, freedom, change, hope, forgiveness, suffering, joy. |
| ***TYPE B Concepts (Can also be Type C Concepts when in context)*** | ***TYPE C Concepts*** |
| ***God’s Love****:* The love freely given and unmerited favour of God's love for humanity. (Related Concepts: creation, peace, grace, agape). | ***Redemption*:** set free bought back-Derived from the practice of paying the price of a slave's freed through his death.om; and so, the work of **Jesus Christ** in setting people free. (Related Concepts: forgiveness, salvation). |
| ***Reconciliation with God****:* The human process of reconciling Christians with God.(Related Concepts: temptation, forgiveness, salvation, redemption). | ***Trinity:* Three persons in one God; the doctrine of the three fold nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** |
| ***Sin*** 1. Act of rebellion/disobedience against the known will of God.
2. The act of turning away from sin and acknowledging the need of transformation. (Related Concepts: fall, forgiveness, salvation, repentance)
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| ***Covenant: Both Type B & Type C Concept***1. A binding agreement between two parties.
2. The conditional promises of salvation made by God to humanity as revealed in Scripture. Based on divine [grace](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/grace) rather than Mosaic Law.

(Referred to in the New Testament as the New Covenant)). (Related Concepts: salvation, reconciliation, discipleship, Kingdom of God)1. The agreement between God and the ancient Israelites, in [which](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/which) God promised to protect them if they kept the law and were faithful to God.

(The New Testament refers to this as the Old Covenant). |