

SCHOOL PREMISES RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities for the management of building and premises vary depending on formal designation.

	Voluntary Aided Schools	Voluntary Controlled Schools	Academies
Land ownership	Owned by trustees	Owned by trustees	Owned by original trustees (not the academy trustees)
Playing fields	Provided by LA	Provided by LA	Owned by or leased to an academy trust, usually on 125-year lease from the LA
Building responsibilities	<p>New building and repairs are the responsibility of the Governing Body</p> <p>Capital works are typically supported by DfE as grants of 90%. Governors must fund 10%.</p> <p>VAT needs to be paid on building works</p>	All replacement, repairs and other building costs fall to the LA (funded by DfE)	<p>The Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) is the responsible body.</p> <p>All building works funded by DfE</p>

All schools must gain approval from the Diocese if they are considering selling off any existing land or acquiring new land for school use.

Some other specific responsibilities for VA Schools:

- a) The Governing Body must obtain and note the advice of DBE regarding any proposed building works to the school.
- b) The Governing Body must obtain, in writing, the consent of the DBE prior to consulting any other persons (building contractors, architects or other consultants) for works requiring grant funding.
- c) Building works with a cost less than £2,000 exclusive of VAT fall outside these statutory requirements and need to be funded from the school revenue budget.

The Premises Officer is the contact point for approvals.