

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the school is St Werburgh's & St Columba's Catholic Primary School
2. The school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and in particular:
 - (a) religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, disciplines and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church:
 - (b) religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, disciplines and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church;and at all times the school is to serve as witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The school is a voluntary aided school.
4. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of St Werburgh's & St Columba's Catholic Primary School"
5. The governing body shall consist of:
 - (a) Foundation Governors appointed on a skills basis where their number represents an overall majority of 2 over all other categories of governors combined
 - (b) A minimum of 2 two elected Parent Governors (no maximum)
 - (c) A Head Teacher
 - (d) 1 elected Staff Governor
 - (e) 1 appointed LA Governor on skills basis
 - (f) Co-opted Governors appointed on skills basis. Co-opted members of staff when counted with the Head and elected Staff governor must not constitute more than a 1/3 of the governing body.
 - (g) Associate members are appointed by the governing body to serve on one or more governing body committee. They may also attend full governing body meetings. They are not governors and therefore do not have a vote in governing body decisions, but may be given a vote on decisions made by committees to which they are appointed.

- 6 All appointed governors (co-opted/community, partnership, associated, appointed parents, Local Authority and, Foundation Governors) must have ‘in the opinion of the appointing body’ “the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school”.
- 7 The Bishop of Shrewsbury (or any other person exercising Ordinary jurisdiction on his behalf) shall have the right to appoint Foundation Governors.
- 8 Possible combinations of Governing Bodies:

Foundation	Parent	Staff	LA	Co opted	Total
Foundation governors have overall control of the GB – the GB must have a majority of 2 over all other categories of governor combined	At least 2	Head + 1	1	As determined by the GB and no more than 1/3 can be staff where they are also eligible to be elected as staff governors when counted with the staff governor and headteacher	
7	2	2	1		12
8	3	2	1		14
8	2	2	1	1	14
9	3	2	1	1	16
10	3	2	1	2	18

- 9 This instrument of government comes into effect on 1 April 2009
- 10 This instrument was made by order of Cheshire West and Chester Council on 1 April 2009
- 11 A copy of this instrument must be supplied to the trustees in accordance with the school’s trust deed and to the Director of Schools of the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Date: 15/06/2016