







Governors



Instrument of Government 25-26



Date Approved	Review Date	Signed
17.9.2025	September 2026	 Chair of Governors
The governing board agree that these Instrument of Government will be review reviewed annually, upon significant changes to the law and policy or as needed and it will be endorsed by the full governing board.		

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1. The name of the school is Sherston Church of England Primary School.
 2. The school is a voluntary controlled school.
 3. The name of the governing body is 'The governing body of Sherston Church of England Primary School'.
 4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. 2 parent governors
 - b. 1 local authority governor
 - c. 2 staff governors (including the head teacher)
 - d. 4 co-opted governors
 - e. 2 foundation governors.
 5. Total number of governors is 11.
 6. The term of office of co-opted governors is 2 years. The term of office of the staff governor is 2 years. The term of all other governors is 4 years.
 7. Foundation governors shall be appointed by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Education, after consultation with Sherston Magna and Sherston Parva Parochial Church Councils.
 8. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: The principal officiating minister for the parishes of Sherston Magna and Sherston Parva.

(b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry shall appoint a foundation governor to act in the place of the ex-officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that that ex-officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists.
 9. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry as cited in 7(b) above is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.

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10. Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

11. This instrument of government came into effect on 23 September 2020.

12. This instrument was made by order of Wiltshire Council on 5th August 2015