

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

1. The name of the school is: [\[insert name of school\]](#)
2. The school is a voluntary aided school.
3. The name of the governing body is: The governing body of [\[insert name of school\]](#)
4. The school is founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with Latin Rite Canon Law and the teachings of the Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and in particular:
 - i. Religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline, general and particular norms of the Catholic Church.
 - ii. Religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church.
 - iii. At all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic Faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. The school operates under the provisions of the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.
6. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. [\[insert number\]](#) foundation governors;
 - b. [\[insert number\]](#) parent governors;
 - c. One LA governor;
 - d. One staff governor
 - e. One Headteacher
 - f. [\[insert number\]](#) Co-Opted Governors
7. Total number of governors: [\[insert number\]](#)
8. Foundation governors are appointed by the Archbishop of Birmingham (or any other person exercising Ordinary jurisdiction on his behalf) through the Director of Education of the Diocesan Education Service.
9. The Archbishop of Birmingham or any other person exercising Ordinary jurisdiction on his behalf (through the Director of Education of the Diocesan Education Service), may remove foundation governors at any time during their period of office.
10. Date instrument drafted by the governing body: [\[insert date\]](#)
11. Date draft instrument approved by foundation governors: [\[insert date\]](#)

12. Date draft instrument approved by Trustees: [.....] *(To be completed only by the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Archbishop through the office of the Director of Schools of the Diocesan Schools Commission)*

Only to be made by the LA
if this Instrument has been
dated and stamped by the
Archdiocese of Birmingham
Diocesan Schools Commission

13. This instrument of government comes into effect on [.....] *(To be completed only by the LA)*

14. This instrument was made by order of _____ Local
Authority on [.....] *(To be completed only by the LEA)*

The LA must supply a copy of the instrument to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor), the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and to the Archbishop through the office of the Director of Education at the Diocesan Education Service.