

## INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

- 1 The name of the school is **St Swithun's Church of England VC Primary School**.
- 2 The address of the school is Ivel Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 1AX.
- 3 The school is a voluntary controlled school.
- 4 The name of the governing body is **the Governing Body of St Swithun's Church of England VC Primary School**.
- 5 The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) six parent governors
  - (b) one LA governor
  - (c) one staff governor
  - (d) one headteacher
  - (e) three foundation governors
  - (f) four co-opted governors
- 6 The total number of governors is 16.
- 7 The foundation governors shall comprise
  - (a) one ex officio governor, being subject to paragraph 8(a)
  - (b) one appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education
  - (c) one appointed by the Parochial Church Council of the parish in which the school is situated
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  - (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio: the principal officiating minister of the parish in which the school is situated
  - (b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated 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 the ex officio governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1) of the School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2012, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which the governorship exists.
- 9 The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated may, in consultation with the Diocesan Director of Education, request the removal of the ex-officio foundation governor and may appoint any substitute governor.
- 10 The ethos of the school is:

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 comes into effect on 1 September 2017.
- 12 This instrument was made by order of Central Bedfordshire Council on 6 November 2017.
- 13 A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Joanna Brown  
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Duly authorised officer