



INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the school is **St Edward's Roman Catholic/ Church of England, Voluntary Aided Secondary School**.
2. The school is a **voluntary aided** school.
3. The name of the governing body is "**The governing body of St Edward's Roman Catholic, Church of England, Voluntary Aided Secondary School**".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - 1 Headteacher;
 - 3 parent governors, of whom 3 are to be elected;
 - 1 staff governor;
 - 1 Local Authority governor;
 - 12 foundation governors;
 - 2 co-opted governors.
5. Total number of governors is **20**.
6. The Foundation that is entitled to appoint foundation governors is the Anglican Bishop of Salisbury and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth. The process for nomination and appointment is detailed in the associated Memorandum of Understanding on Foundation Governor Appointments to joint Anglican/catholic Schools signed by the two bishops.

Foundation governors may be removed from office by the Bishops.
7. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:

The Principal Officiating Minister of the parish or ecclesiastical district in which the school is situated.

(b) The foundation body or person named in paragraph 8 shall be entitled to 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.



8. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.
9. The school has a trust deed.
10. The school is a Church foundation and is part of the Roman Catholic Church and of the Church of England. The school is to be conducted both as a Catholic School in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and as a Church of England School, in accordance with the Trust Deed of the school, and in particular:
Religious education is to be in accordance with either or both of
 - a. The teachings, doctrines discipline and general and particular norms of the Roman Catholic Church; and
 - b. The doctrines of the Church of England.

Religious worship is to be in accordance with either or both of the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Roman Catholic Church; and the rites and liturgical practice of the Church of England.

At all times the school is to serve as a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality with 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 1st September 2015
12. This instrument was made by order of Borough of Poole on 20th August 2015
13. A copy of the instrument will be supplied to every member of the governor body (and the head teacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.

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