

Instrument of Government

Orsett Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

THURROCK  **COUNCIL**
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INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

1. The name of the school is Orsett Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School
2. The school is a voluntary aided school.
3. The name of the governing body is “The governing body of Orsett Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School”
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. one parent governor
 - b. one LEA governors
 - c. three staff governors (including the Head Teacher)
 - d. seven foundation governors, of whom three shall, at the time of their appointment, be eligible for election or appointment as parent governors.
5. Total number of governors 12
6. The responsibility for the appointment of Foundation Governors shall be as follows:-
 - one shall be ex-officio (see paragraph 7 below);
 - three (of which at least one shall normally, at the time of the appointment, be a parent of a pupil at the school), shall be appointed by the Parochial Church Council;
 - two (of which at least one shall normally, at the time of the appointment, be a parent of a pupil at the school), shall be appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education;
 - one shall be appointed by the Trustees of the Educational Foundation of Edward Anson and others.

In filling casual vacancies, the body responsible for making the appointment shall make such an appointment that secures / continues to secure the appropriate number of parent foundation governors on the Governing Body.

7. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:

The Principal Officiating Minister.

In this instrument, the Principal Officiating Minister is a reference to:-

- (i) if the school is for the time being situated in an ecclesiastical parish, to the Rector or Vicar of the parish or, in the case of a team ministry, to the Team Rector; or
- (ii) if the ecclesiastical parish has no Rector or Vicar, to the priest in charge thereof; or
- (iii) if the school is for the time being situated in a conventional district, to the curate in charge.

(b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry within 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 foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which the governorship exists, or he / she has been removed from office under regulation 23 (2) of the Regulations.

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8. If at any time there becomes an excess number of foundation governors, the Governing Body will first invite voluntary resignations. If there remains an excess number, foundation governors will be removed from the list starting from the foundation governor who was the last to be appointed. In the event of a tie, it will be decided by means of drawing lots.

The governor/s concerned and the Clerk to the Governors will be informed.

The Archdeacon of Southend, may, after giving reasonable notice to the governor concerned and the Clerk to the Governors, request the removal of the ex-officio governor and appoint a substitute governor to act in his place.

9. 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.

10. The term of office of each category of governor is:

Parent governors	4 years
LEA governors	4 years
Staff governors (except head teacher)	2 years
Foundation	4 years

11. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1 September 2005.

12. This instrument was made by order of Thurrock Local Education Authority on 24 August 2005.

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.