**Instrument of Government – Voluntary Aided School Template**

**XX CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

1. The name of the school is XX Church of England Primary School
2. The school is a voluntary aided school
3. The name of the governing body is ‘The Governing Body of XX Church of England Primary School’
4. The Governing Body shall consist of

x parent governors (minimum of 2, no maximum)

1 Local Authority governor (no more, no less)

2 staff governors [including the headteacher (unless the headteacher resigns the office of governor in accordance with Regulation 19 of The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012)]

(no more, no less. No preference for teaching or non-teaching staff)

x foundation governors (overall control of the GB - majority of 2 over all

other categories of governor)

 x co-opted governors

(As determined by the GB. Can be parents, can be staff as long as no

**no more 1/3 staff** on the GB in total, including

the HT. Appointed on the basis of the skills they bring to the GB)

1. Total number of governors: x
2. The term of office of each category of governor shall be:

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|  parent governors |  x years |
|  Local Authority governor |  x years |
|  staff governor (except headteacher) |  x years |
|  foundation governors (except ex-officio foundation governor) |  x years |
|  co-opted governor/s |  x years |

1. Foundation governors will be appointed as follows:

x by the Diocesan Board of Education

x by the Parochial Church Council

 1 ex-officio – see paragraph 8

1. 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 the Principal

Officiating Minister of xxxx.

The Archdeacon for the Archdeaconry within which the school is situated can request the Governing Body to remove an ex-officio Foundation Governor and shall appoint a Foundation Governor to act in the place of the ex-officio Foundation Governor whose governorship derives from the office named above, in the event that the ex-officio Foundation Governor is removed from office, is unwilling or unable to act as a foundation governor or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists.

1. 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.

1. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on xxxxxx 201x and

 replaces Instrument No. xxxx sealed on xxxxxx.

1. This Instrument was made by order of Essex County Council Local Authority on

THE COMMON SEAL OF

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in

the presence of:

Attesting Officer

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