



# Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

*Encouraging everyone's light to shine (Matthew 5:16)*

## Instrument of Government

### INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS

- 1) The name of the school is **Essendon Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School**, known as Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School.
- 2) The school is a voluntary controlled school.
- 3) The name of the governing body is The governing body of Essendon Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School.
- 4) The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 1 parent governors
  - (b) 1 LA governor
  - (c) 2 staff governors (including the Headteacher)
  - (d) 5 co-opted governors
  - (e) 1 foundation governor
- 5) The total number of governors shall be 12.
- 6) Foundation governors shall comprise one ex-officio governor being, subject to paragraph 7, the principal officiating minister, with the remaining governor appointed as follows:
  - one foundation governor appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education on the nomination of the Parochial Church Council.

- 7) (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 whose governorship derives from the office named in 6) above, in the event that the ex-officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists, or has been removed from office under regulation 23 (2) of the Regulations.
- 8) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated shall, in consultation with the Diocesan Director of Education, be entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.
- 9) Recognizing 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 both parish and Diocesan level. The school aims to foster close relationships with the home, the church and the community, to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. The school encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of all faiths and promotes Christian values through the experiences it offers irrespective of their religions, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- 10) This instrument of government comes into effect on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.
- 11) This instrument was made by order of Hertfordshire County Council