

Orford Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary school

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the school is Orford Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School.
2. The school is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of Orford CEVA Primary School".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. 2 parent governors
 - b. 1 LA governor
 - c. 1 staff governor
 - d. the Headteacher (if he/she decides to take up the post)
 - e. 7 foundation governors
5. Total number of governors: 12.
6. The term of office of all governors is 4 years.
7. The foundation bodies entitled to appoint foundation governors are the Parochial Church Councils of Sudbourne, Orford, Butley, Chillesford and Iken – 4 governors and the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Education – 3 governors. All appointments must be ratified by the Diocesan Board of Education.
8. The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio:
 - a. The Principal Officiating Minister of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew's, Orford
 - b. The Archdeacon of Suffolk 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, or has been removed from office under regulation 21(1) of the Regulations, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his/her governorship exists.
9. The ethos of the school is as follows:

"We endeavour to support every member of our school community as they grow to fulfil their true potential. We welcome them into an atmosphere of Christian trust and sharing, we build their confidence and take pride in their achievements."

To deliver this, we will:

 1. Celebrate every child's unique qualities and achievements;
 2. Establish a culture which reflects Christian values and provides opportunities to explore the world around us with a sense of awe and wonder;
 3. Challenge everybody to reach beyond their comfort zone, to take reasonable risks and stretch beyond that which is easily achievable;
 4. Demonstrate care for each other, the environment and the wider community;
 5. Commit to an active and effective partnership with parents;
 6. Continue to develop a culture where we are always looking to further improve the standard of teaching and learning.

We will know we are achieving this when we can recognise the school as a place where the Kingdom of God can be seen outworking in practical reality. It will be a place where there is welcome and hospitality, encouragement and comfort, trust and understanding, good things happen and everyone enjoys being here. The school feels very much alive and will both benefit and be supported by the local community.

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principle 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. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st September 2015.
11. This instrument was made by order of Suffolk Local Authority on **1st September 2015**
12. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.



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on behalf of
Suffolk Local Authority