

## **INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

**1** The name of the Federation is **UNITED SCHOOLS FEDERATION**

**2** The names and categories of the schools within the federation are:-

DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – Foundation School  
IPPLEPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL – Foundation School  
MARLDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY (VA) SCHOOL, BRIXTON  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VC) NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL  
STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL – Community School

**3** The name of the governing board is "**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF UNITED SCHOOLS FEDERATION**".

**4** The governing board shall consist of:

- a two parent governors;
- b one local authority governor;
- c one executive headteacher (ex-officio);
- d one staff governor;
- e five co-opted governors;
- f ten foundation governors (one of whom shall be ex-officio).

**5** The total number of governors is twenty.

**6** The term of office for all categories will be for four years with the exception of the ex-officio foundation and the headteacher categories by virtue of their position.

**7** Seven foundation governors shall be appointed by Exeter Diocesan Board of Education.

Two foundation governors shall be appointed by the United Schools' Learning Partnership.

**8 (a)** The holder of the following office shall be an ex-officio foundation governor:

Principal Officiating Minister of any parish with a Church of England school in the Federation.

**(b)** The Archdeacon 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 8 (a) 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/her governorship exists.

- 9 Exeter Diocesan Board of Education shall be entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor, in consultation with the Archdeacon named in 8 (b) above.
- 10 The name of the body entitled to appoint two foundation governors is "United Schools' Learning Partnership".
- 11 St. Michael's C of E (VC) Primary School, St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School, St. Catherine's C of E (VA) Primary School and Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School were all founded by Trust Deed.

12 Ethos Statement:

St. Michael's C of E (VC) Primary School, St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School, St. Catherine's C of E (VA) Primary School and Marldon C of E (VA) Primary School are Church of England schools in the Diocese of Exeter.

Recognising their historic foundation, the schools will preserve and develop their religious characters in accordance with the principles and practice of the Church of England and in partnership with the Churches in the parishes and the diocese.

The schools aim to serve their communities by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. They encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promote Christian values through the experiences they offer to all their pupils.

- 13 This Instrument of Government comes into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 14 This Instrument was made by order of Devon Local Authority on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE  
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed this  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
in the presence of:



  
A Duly Authorised Officer

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