

# THE PRIORY SCHOOL

## Instrument of Government

Adopted by the Governing Body on:	November 2017
Review cycle:	Annually
Review date:	November 2018
Governors Committee:	FGB
Staff Responsible	Clerk to the Governors

1. The name of the school is The Priory Church of England VA School.
2. The school is a voluntary aided school.
3. The name of the governing body is:  
The governing body of The Priory Church of England VA School.
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 2 parent governors;
  - (b) 1 LA governor;
  - (c) 1 headteacher governor;
  - (d) 1 staff governor;
  - (e) 1 co-opted governor;
  - (d) 8 foundation governors.
5. The total number of governors is 14.
6. 7 Foundation governors shall be appointed as follows:
  - (a) The Guildford Diocesan Board of Education shall appoint three Foundation governors.
  - (b) The Dorking Deanery in the Diocese of Guildford and in the county of Surrey shall appoint four Foundation governors, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Deanery Clergy Chapter and one a lay member of Deanery Synod.
7.
  - (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: The Area Dean of Dorking in the Diocese of Guildford and in the county of Surrey (or his/her nominated representative).
  - (b) The Archdeacon of Dorking 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 that 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 in the event that the ex-officio foundation governor has been removed from office under regulation 21(1) of the Regulations.
8. The Archdeacon of Dorking is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.
9. Ethos Statement:  
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 deanery and diocesan level.  
The school aims to serve the wider community of Dorking 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 its students of all faiths and none.
10. This instrument of government comes into effect on 25 November 2017
11. This instrument was made by order of Surrey Local Authority on

12. 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.