

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the federation is The Weald and Downlands Schools Federation

2. The names and categories of the schools in the federation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>
Harting Church of England Primary School	Voluntary Controlled
Stedham Primary School	Community

3. The name of the governing body is “The Governing Body of The Weald and Downlands Schools Federation”

4. The Governing Body shall consist of:

- a. Two parent governors
- b. One local authority governor
- c. Two foundation governors (including one ex-officio governor)
- d. Two headteachers (one from each of the schools in the Federation)
- e. One staff governor
- f. Six co-opted governors

5. The total number of governors is fourteen.

6. The Diocesan Board of Education shall appoint one of the foundation governors on the recommendation of the Parochial Church Council of the united benefice of Harting with Elsted and Treyford cum Didling acting jointly.

7. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: the Incumbent or Priest-in-Charge of the united benefice of Harting with Elsted and Treyford cum Didling acting jointly.

(b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which Harting Church of England Primary School is situated, 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 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 the governorship exists, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 of the Regulations.

8. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which Harting Church of England Primary is situated may request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint a substitute governor.

9. There is a Trust relating to Harting Church of England Primary School of which the trustees are the Rector and the two Church Wardens of the united benefice of Harting with Elsted and Treyford cum Didling.

10. Recognising its historic foundation, Harting Church of England Primary 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.

11. Harting Church of England Primary 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 all pupils.

12. Stedham Primary School aims to serve its community by maintaining an education of the highest quality independent of a religious faith or character. Stedham Primary School shares and recognises many of the same values as Harting Church of England Primary School but is itself a secular school and will remain so.
13. Both of the two schools in the Federation (Harting Church of England Primary School and Stedham Primary School) will aim to maintain, develop and respect the unique character of each school within its community, while working in partnership with the other school in order to provide the highest quality of education for all its pupils.
14. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st September 2021.
15. This instrument was made by order of West Sussex County Council acting as the Local Authority on [DATE].
16. 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.

Signed by an Authorised Signatory of WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

Authorised Signatory

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