



**THE RACKHAM**  
**C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Instrument of Government Policy

**Policy Number:** STAT 012

**Date:** September 2023

## 1. Legislation and statutory guidance

Governing boards of maintained schools must have an instrument of government which sets out information about how the board is constituted. This requirement is set out in The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, part 5, regulation 28.

This model is based on the Department for Education's (DfE) model instrument of government in Annex C of statutory guidance for maintained schools.

## 2. Instrument of government

1. The name of the school is The Rackham C of E (VC) Primary School
2. The school is a Voluntary Controlled (VC) school.
3. The name of the governing board is 'The governing body of The Rackham Church of England Primary School'
4. The governing board shall consist of:
  - a. 5 parent governors
  - b. 1 Headteacher
  - c. 1 staff governor
  - d. 1 local authority (LA) governor
  - e. 2 Foundation Governors
  - f. 1 Co-opted Governor
5. The total number of governors is 11 (except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice under Regulation 19 of the Constitution Regulations that s(he) chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors will be 10).
6. The term of office for all Governors is 4 years
7. The Ely Diocesan Board of Education is entitled to appoint foundation governors
8.
  - a. The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio (by virtue of their office): The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: Priest Incumbent of St Andrew, Witchford
  - b. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated 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 the 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.

9. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.
10. Subject to Regulation, a description of the ethos of the school is given below:  
“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 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.”
11. The Rackham C of E Primary is Church of England school.
12. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014
13. This instrument was made by order of Cambridgeshire Local Authority on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

A copy of the consolidated instrument will be supplied free of charge to every member and associate member of the governing board (including the Headteacher where they are not a governor).

### **3. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed by the governing board annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the full governing board.

This policy will be reviewed and agreed in line with Government guidelines by the Governing Body.

#### **Approved and signed by:**

**Headteacher**



**Signed:**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Chair of Governing body**

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**Signed:**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023