

## INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the school is St Stephen's Church of England Junior School
2. The school is a voluntary controlled school.
3. The name of the governing body is "The Governing Body of St Stephen's Church of England Junior School".
4. The governing board shall consist of
  - a. 2 Parent Governors
  - b. 1 LA Governor
  - c. 1 Staff Governor
  - d. 1 Headteacher
  - e. 4 Co-opted Governors
  - f. 3 Foundation Governors
5. Total number of governors is 12.
6. Foundation Governors are nominated by St Stephen's, Soundwell Parochial Church Council, and their appointments are ratified by the Diocese of Bristol's Board of Education.
7. (a) the holder of the following office shall be foundation governor ex officio: The principle officiating minister for the parish of St Stephen's Soundwell.  
  
(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 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.
8. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated shall be entitled to requests the removal of any ex officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute foundation governor.
9. ETHOS STATEMENT  

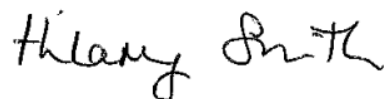
Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

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 01 July 2022.
11. This instrument was made by order of South Gloucestershire Local Authority on the 30 June 2022.
12. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing board (and the headteacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.

Signed and approved by the Director for Children, Adults and Health, under the delegated authority set out in the minutes of the Education Committee dated the 28 January 1999.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a distinct 'S'.

**Date:** 01/07/2022