

St Mary's Church of England Primary School



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Instrument of Government

The governing body of St Mary's CE Primary School agrees to act in accordance with the legislation as set out in the Constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools (August 2017). [The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/constitution-of-governing-bodies-of-maintained-schools-2017.pdf)

These Regulations apply to a governing body if—

(a) the governing body are constituted under an instrument of government that takes effect on or after 1st September 2012; or

(b) where the governing body are constituted under an instrument of government that takes effect before 1st September 2012, the governing body or local authority decide under regulation 32(2) of the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007(a) ("the Constitution Regulations 2007") that the instrument of government should be varied.

These Regulations apply only in relation to maintained schools in England.

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the school is St Mary's Church of England Primary School.
2. The school is a Voluntary Controlled school in the borough of Slough.
3. The name of the governing body is "The Governing Body of St Mary's Church of England Primary School"
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - Three parent governors
 - One Local Authority Governor
 - One Staff Governor
 - Two Co Headteachers (one vote)
 - Three Foundation Governors
 - Three co-opt governors
5. The total number of governors shall be twelve (Co Heads count as one member), except that, at any time when the headteacher has given written notice to the clerk to the governors that s/he chooses not to be a governor, the total shall be eleven.
6. Two foundation governors shall be appointed by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education.
- 7a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio: The Vicar of Slough

7b) The Archdeacon of Buckingham 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 7a) 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, or where there is a vacancy in the office named in 7a) above.

7c) the Archdeacon of Buckingham shall be entitled to request the removal of the ex officio foundation governor named in 7a) above and to appoint a substitute foundation governor.

8. Recognising its 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 levels. 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 1 the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

9. This instrument of government comes into effect from September 2024.

11. 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 Oxford Diocesan Board of Education.

Signed:

Chair of the Governing Body

Reviewed by the Chair of Governors: **20 September 2024**

Ratified at Full Governing Body Meeting: **25 November 2024**

Confirmed by the Chair of the governing body for St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

To be reviewed annually

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