

Staffordshire Local Authority

Instrument of Government

1. The name of the school is St. Leonard's Church of England Voluntary Aided First School, Ipstones.
2. The school is a Voluntary Aided School.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of St. Leonard's Church of England Voluntary Aided First School, Ipstones."
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. 2 parent governors
 - b. 1 local authority governor
 - c. 1 staff governor
 - d. 1 Headteacher governor*
 - e. 8 foundation governors
 - f. 1 co-opted governors
5. Total number of governors is 14 *except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice that she/he chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors shall be 13.
6. The term of office of all governors is 4 years.
7. The bodies entitled to appoint foundation governors are the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education (4 governors) and the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish in which the school is situated (3 governors).
8.
 - a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio - the Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish of Ipstones-with-Beakhamstych.
 - b) The Archdeacon of Stoke upon Trent 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 of 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 there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists.
9. The person entitled to request the removal of any ex officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor is the Archdeacon of Stoke upon Trent.

10. The Ethos of the School:

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 values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

11. This instrument of government comes into effect on 4 June 2015.

12. This instrument was made by order of Staffordshire Local Authority on 18 February 2015.

13. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.