



# Hollinsclough C of E (VA) Primary School

## Instrument of Governance: 2015

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Board of Education

### *Developing potential*

### **Preamble**

The original Hollinsclough St. Agnes Church of England School was founded in 1789.

The original building still remains and is owned and operated by the Redhill Trust from Nottingham and used as an outdoor education facility.

The present school - Hollinsclough Church of England Primary School opened its doors to pupils on its current site in January 1960.

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The present Hollinsclough Church of England Primary School became Voluntary Aided on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999 following a Governors decision in January 1999 and the then Secretary of State's approval in March 1999.

Hollinsclough Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School supports the educational needs of the children within the Area of Benefit known as Longnor, Quarnford and Sheen and is within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longnor.

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The following items reflect and support the current position and future aspirations of our school into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

1. The name of the school is **Hollinsclough Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School.**
2. The school is a **Voluntary Aided (VA)** school.
3. The name of the governing body is **"The Governing Body of Hollinsclough Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School."**
4. The Governing Body shall consist of:
  - a. **1 Headteacher Governor**
  - b. **2 Parent Governors**
  - c. **1 Local Authority Governor**
  - d. **1 Staff Governor**
  - e. **7\* Foundation Governors**  
(\* This number is permitted to increase to up to 9 Foundation Governors when taking into account 4f)
  - f. **2 Co-opted Governors** – Optional requirement (Two maximum).  
(If Co-opted Governors are appointed, the Governing Body is then permitted to appoint up to two additional Foundation Governors to preserve their majority)
5. **Total number of governors - 13** (except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice that s/he chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors shall be 12). Totals here will also be affected by 4e & 4f.
6. **Foundation governors** shall be appointed / approved by Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education (Governors) following proposal by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longnor within which the school is situated (Governors). (7(9\*))  
(\* represents allocation of the additional Foundation Governors if Co-opted Governors are appointed)
7. The sponsor entitled to nominate person(s) for appointment as a Co-opted governor (up to 2 persons) under schedule 5 of the Regulations is the **"Governing Body of Hollinsclough Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School"**.

8. The holder of the following office shall be a Foundation Governor ex-officio: ***The Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish of Longnor.***
- a. 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 that ex-officio Foundation Governor is unable or unwilling to act as a Foundation Governor, or has been removed from office under regulation 23 (2) of the Regulations, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists.
  - b. The person(s) entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio Foundation Governor and to appoint any substitute governor is the ***Archdeacon of Stoke upon Trent.***
9. ***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 churches, parish and diocese.

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.

The term of office for all categories of Governor shall be four years.

This Instrument of Government comes into effect on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.**

This instrument was made by order of Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education in conjunction with Staffordshire County Council as Local Education Authority on **TBC.**

A copy of the Instrument of Government is required to 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.

***This Instrument of Government is to be read in conjunction with and reference to;***

*The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulation 2012*  
*The Education School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007*  
*The Education School Governance (Constitution and Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Regulations and School Governance (Constitution, Procedures and New Schools) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and*  
*The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003, on which it is based*

***Implementation and operation of this Instrument of Government***

Our school will manage implementation operation of this Instrument of Government with the support and guidance of officers from the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education and Staffordshire County Council (Local Authority).

***General***

This Instrument of Government will always reflect the present and future needs of all stakeholders and to support this we are always open to suggestions for changes and alterations of and to any specific individual provision / requirement to ensure full access to all.

Signed...



**Designation:** Chair of Governors

**Date...** August 2015

Signed...



**Designation:** Headteacher

**Date...** August 2015

This Instrument of Government is to be reviewed by Governors during the first meeting of each school year