

**Instrument of Government**

Our Mission Statement

We come together as Saint Mary’s family,

To learn, share our faith, and do our best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL**

1. **The name of the school is St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Chipping**
2. **The school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church**. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Salford and in particular:
3. religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church;
4. religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church;
5. and at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. **The school is a voluntary aided school**
7. **The name of the governing body is "The Governing Body of St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Chipping"**
8. **The Governing Body shall consist of**:
	1. 2 Parent Governors
	2. 1 LEA governor
	3. 2 Staff Governors (including the headteacher)
	4. 6 Foundation Governors of whom 2 shall, at the time of their appointment, be eligible for election or appointment as parent governors
9. **The total number of Governors is 11**
10. **Foundation Governors are appointed and may be removed by the Bishop of Salford** (or any other person exercising Ordinary jurisdiction on his behalf).
11. (a) **The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:**

The parish priest of St Mary's, Chipping

(b) The Foundation Body or person named in paragraph 7 above 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 there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists, or the ex-officio governor has been removed from office at the request of the foundation body or person named in paragraph 7 above under regulation 23(2) of the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003.

1. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on 1 September 2004
2. This instrument was made by order of Lancashire Local Education Authority on 30 July 2004
3. 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.

Reviewed Annually

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