



## **INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

1. The name of the Federation is The Federation of The Downs and Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools.
2. The names and categories of the schools in the federation are:  
  
School name: The Downs Church of England Primary School  
Category: Voluntary Controlled.  
School name: Northbourne Church of England Primary School  
Category: Voluntary Controlled.
3. The name of the governing body is "The Federated Governing Body of The Downs and Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools."
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - 2 Parent Governors
  - 1 Local Authority Governor
  - 1 Staff Governor
  - 1 Headteacher Governor
  - 3 Co-opted Governors
  - 3 Foundation Governors
5. Total number of governors 11.
6. The following are the Foundation Bodies, and if applicable, persons entitled to appoint foundation governors and the appointments are to be made on the following basis:  
  
One appointed by The Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education after consultation with Northbourne Parochial Church Council.  
  
One appointed by The Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education after consultation with the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Walmer.

7. (a) The holders of the following offices shall be foundation governors ex-officio:

An Officiating Minister representing the Parishes in which both The Downs and Northbourne schools are situated.

(b) The Archdeacon of Ashford shall appoint governors to act in the place of the ex-officio foundation governors whose governorships derive from the offices named in (a) above, in the event that an 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 their governorship exists, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1) of the Regulations.

8. The Archdeacon of Ashford is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor.

9. Trust Deeds exist.

10. Recognising the historic foundations, the schools will preserve and develop their religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The schools aim to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. They encourage an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience they offer to all its pupils.

11. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1 September 2016.

12. This instrument was made by order of Kent County Council as the Local Authority on 13 July 2015.

A copy of this instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Headteacher if not a governor).

Signed: Chair of Governors 

(PRINT NAME) C.J. Roberts

Signed: Kent County Council  
Senior Improvement Advisor   
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