

Staffordshire Local Authority

Instrument of Governance

1. The name of the school is St. Leonard's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Wigginton.
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 Primary School, Wigginton."
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. 7 foundation governors
5. Total number of governors is 12 *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 11.
6. The term of office for each category of governor shall be:
 - Parent, LA and Staff governors - 4 years
 - Foundation governors - 4 years
7. The body or person entitled to appoint foundation governors is the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education.
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 - a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: The Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish of Wigginton.
 - b) The Archdeacon of Lichfield 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/her governorship exists.

9. The person(s) entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute governor is the Archdeacon of Lichfield.

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 governance comes into effect on 26th November 2025.

12. This instrument was made by order of Staffordshire Local Authority on ____.

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.