

Hall Orchard Barrow Church of England Primary School (Academy) Governing Body Composition

As an academy school Hall Orchard is not required to have an Instrument of Governance, the academies Articles of Association replace the previous instrument.

For academies, the first point of call in any issue of governance is the Articles of Association. These are the rules that set out how the Academy should be governed. Essentially, unless something is stated as mandatory or prohibited in our Articles of Association then it is for the Governing Body to determine how our meetings and processes are governed, as long as the decisions taken are fair, non-discriminatory and are such that any reasonable Governing Body might make. If they are not, then decisions may be open to legal challenge by way of Judicial Review.

When deciding on procedures, the Governing Body of Hall Orchard will consider a number of publications that govern publically funded schools. Many of these are laid down in the schools Articles of Association, Funding Agreement and Commercial Transfer Agreement. Other documents will include the most recent Academy Financial Standards Handbook as released by the EFA in any funding period.

The Members of the Academy Trust shall comprise:¹

- the signatories to the Memorandum who are
 - the Diocese of Leicester Educational Trust (Company No. 07773846) as the corporate Foundation Member)
 - the chair of the Governors
 - the chair of the Curriculum and Strategy Committee
 - the chair of the Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Premises Committee

The following stipulates the structure of the governors for the academy

- The number of governors will be at least three (3) and not more than fourteen (14)
 - All Governors shall upon their appointment give a written undertaking to the Foundation Members or/and the Trustees to uphold the Object of the Academy Trust²
 - Subject to Articles 48 and 49, the Academy Trust shall have the following Governors
 - Up to 6 Governors, appointed under Article 50
 - A minimum of 3 Foundation Governors, appointed and/or holding office further to Article 51
 - Two Parent Governors appointed under Articles 53-58
 - The Principal
 - The Academy Trust may also have two Co-opted Governors appointed under Article 59
 - The term of office for the members and governors is four years³
- Adopted by the Governing Body 4th December 2013.

¹ Please refer to the Academy Articles of Association, page 33 for full details.

² The Academy Trust's object (the "**Object**") is specifically restricted to the following: to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school with a designated Church of England religious character offering a broad and balanced curriculum (the "**Academy**") conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship (as required by the Funding Agreement) and having regard to any advice of the Diocesan Board of Education. Further information can be found on page 5 and 6 of the articles of association.

³ The term of office for any Governor shall be four years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Principal and the Incumbent. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re-appointed or re-elected. Please refer to various articles including articles 50 – 81.