

**SOMERSET LOCAL AUTHORITY**  
**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

1. The name of the Federation is Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation.
2. The names and categories of schools in the federation are:
  - a. Norton St Philip Church of England First School – a voluntary aided school.
  - b. Rode Methodist First School – a voluntary controlled school.
3. The name of the governing body is:

**The Governing Body of Rode and Norton St Philip School Federation.**

4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - a. 2 parent governors
  - b. 1 LA governor
  - c. 1 headteacher
  - d. 1 staff governor
  - e. 7 co-opted governors
  - f. 4 foundation governors
5. Total number of governors: 16
6. The term of office for LA and Co-opted governors will be determined at the time of their appointment.
7. The term of office for all foundation governors except ex officio governors is 4 years.
8. The foundation governors shall be appointed as follows:
  - a. The Incumbent or priest in charge (as the case may be) of the Benefice in which Norton St Philip Church of England First School is situated for the time being who shall be ex-officio governor.

The Archdeacon of Wells ("the Archdeacon") may appoint a substitute governor for such term as he/she shall decide not exceeding the period permitted by the regulations to fill a vacancy in the ex-officio governorship.

In the event that the Archdeacon requires the removal of an ex-officio foundation governor such person shall immediately cease to be a governor.

- b. The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:

Superintendent Minister of Somerset Mendip Circuit, or his/her nominee.

The Chair of District within which the school is situated shall have the power to request the removal of the Methodist ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute.

- c. 1 person is appointed as a foundation governor by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Education who shall have been nominated by the Parochial Church Council for the ecclesiastical parish within which Norton St Philip Church of England First School is situated.

A foundation governor (other than an ex-officio foundation governor) appointed by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Education may continue to act until expiry of his term or her term of office notwithstanding the school ceases to be within the ecclesiastical parish whether as a result of a change of the boundary, constitution or extent of ecclesiastical parish or the removal of the school to a new site.

- d. 1 foundation governor is appointed by Somerset Mendip Circuit.

9. Norton St Philip Church of England First School has a Trust Deed.

#### 10. Ethos Statement

Recognising their historic foundation, Norton St Philip Church of England First 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 diocese level.  
Rode Methodist VC First School will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Methodist Church and in partnership with the Circuit and District.

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

11. The original instrument of government was made by order of Somerset Local Authority on 05.02.2016 and came into effect on 01 March 2016. Paragraphs 4 & 8d were varied by order of Somerset Local Authority on 18 April 2016 to come into effect on 01 September 2016.

The COMMON SEAL of the  
SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed in the  
presence of:-

*S J Venston*

Authorised officer



Number in Register **28182**

