



EARL STERNDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Instrument of Governance for Earl Sterndale CE Primary School Autumn 2025

IoG review record

Date	Changes	Approvers	Minute number	Next review
Feb 2015	First issue	Head Teacher & Governors	-	-
11.09.2019	Minor changes to wording for clarity.	Head Teacher & Governors	3	-
05.12.2022	Addition of review record. No other changes.	Headteacher, Governors	18.1	Autumn 2023
02.10.2023	No change	Headteacher, Governor	8/10.23	Autumn 2024
24.11.2024	No change	Headteacher, Governors	7/11.24	Autumn 2025
22.09.2025	Headteacher name change in header.	Headteacher, Governors	8/09.25	Autumn 2026

- This is a Voluntary Controlled School. This means the land and buildings are owned by the Church but Derbyshire County Council employ the school's staff and have primary responsibility for admission arrangements. It is funded by the state and does not charge fees. The pupils follow the National Curriculum.
- The name of the Governing Body is "The Governing Body of Earl Sterndale Church of England (Controlled) Primary School".
- At full complement the Governing Body usually consists of the following: up to 6 Parent Governors; 1 LA Appointed Governor; 1 Staff Governor and the Head Teacher; as many Co-opted Governors as is appropriate but co-opted Governors who are staff must make up no more than one third of the Full Governing Body; 2 Foundation Governors; a Chair & Vice Chair (who will be specific role related Governors). There is also a Clerk to the Governors. The Governing Body can change or adapt this as appropriate.
- All elected Governors are appointed for a fixed term of 4 years.
- The Governing Body may decide to appoint 'Associate Members' to assist with its function as and when the need arises but such Associate Members shall have no vote.
- The Quorum of Governors required when a vote is to be taken at a Full Governing Body ("FGB") meeting shall be one half of the number in the FGB; for the purpose of counting such votes, any votes received from Governors who may send their apologies to a meeting shall be counted towards the required quorum.
- Sub-committees shall be formed to deal with specific areas of governance as may be required from time to time and working groups may be convened to focus on specific projects as may be required from time to time in the view of the Governing Body.
- The Quorum of Governors required when a vote is to be taken at by a Sub-Committee of the FBG shall be no less than 3 Governors.
- The Derby Diocesan Board of Education appoints the Foundation Governors on the nomination of the Earl Sterndale Parochial Church Council.
- The Priest in Charge of Earl Sterndale shall be a Foundation Governor (ex-officio) unless he or she is unable or unwilling or has been removed from office under Regulation 23(2). In this case the Archdeacon of Chesterfield shall appoint a Foundation Governor in his or her place.

- The Archdeacon of Chesterfield may request the removal of any ex-officio Foundation Governor and appoint a substitute.
- The trustees of the school are unknown but the school is held on a religious trust.
- Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve 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 education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through experiences its offers to all pupils.
- This instrument of Governance came into effect in February 2015 and is still in effect.
- All Governors, including the Head Teacher, receive a copy of this instrument.

Signed by: Paul Swindell Chair of Governors

Date: 22 September 2025

Minute No.: 8/09.25