

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Multi Academy Trust

St John the Evangelist R.C. Primary School

St Joseph's R.C. Primary School

St Paul's R.C. Primary School

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 APRIL 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As a charity and company limited by guarantee, St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Partnership of Schools (the "Company") is governed by a Board of Directors (the "Directors") who are responsible for, and oversee, the management and administration of the Company and the academies run by the Company.

The Directors are accountable to external government agencies including the Charity Commission and the Department for Education (including any successor bodies) for the quality of the education they provide and they are required to have systems in place through which they can assure themselves of quality, safety and good practice. As the Academy is a Catholic school, designated as such, the Directors are also accountable to the Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle (the "Bishop") to ensure that the Academy is conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church so that at all times the School may serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1.2 In order to discharge these responsibilities, the Directors appoint people who are more locally based to serve on a board (the "Local Governing Body") which has been established to ensure the good governance of the

Academy. The Bishop may also have the right to appoint people to the Local Governing Body for purposes which are consistent with the objects of the diocesan trust.

1.3 This Scheme of Delegation explains the ways in which the Directors fulfil their responsibilities for the leadership and management of the Academy, the respective roles and responsibilities of the Directors and the members of the Local Governing Body and the commitments to each other to ensure the success of the Academy.

1.4 This Scheme of Delegation has been put in place by the Directors from the Effective Date in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association (the "Articles") and it should be read in conjunction with those Articles. References in this Scheme to numbered Articles are to the relevant clause of the Articles.

2. ETHOS AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Multi Academy Trust is:

We are committed providing a safe and secure environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential with regard to their spiritual, moral, social, cultural, academic and personal qualities.

The aim is that all children will grow in self-confidence and become responsible and caring members of society.

We aim to instil British Values by making decisions together, developing an understanding that rules matter, ensuring individual liberty and promoting mutual respect and tolerance.

We intend that our delivery of the curriculum reflects these aims, through continuous evaluation of all that is done in school.

The mission requires equality of opportunity and the co-operation of all stake holders in the Catholic Multi Academy Trust to foster a Christian atmosphere and an inclusive Catholic Community.

To achieve these aims we endeavour to:

Pray with and for each other.

Show consideration and care for others.

Treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Support each other in our journey of Faith.

3. DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The Directors have overall responsibility and ultimate decision making authority for all the work of the Company and shall, without affecting a Local Governing Body's ability to set its own policies and procedures (where appropriate) retain overall responsibility for the establishing and running of the schools as Catholic schools. This is largely exercised through strategic planning and the setting of policy. It is managed through business planning, monitoring of budgets, appraisal, the setting of standards and the implementation of quality management processes. Directors shall also govern exclusions in accordance with appropriate regulations and support the Head teachers in recruitment and selection, grievance, disciplinary and processes in relation to staff, where appropriate. The Directors have the power to direct change where required.
- 3.2 The Directors have a duty to act in the fulfilment of the Company's objects. The Directors also have a duty to the Bishop to uphold the object of the Company and to have regard to any advice of the Bishop and to follow any directives issued by him.
- 3.3 Directors will have regard to the interests of the other academies for which the Company is responsible in deciding and implementing any policy or exercising any authority in respect of the Academy Trust.
- 3.4 Article 100 provides for the appointment by the Directors of committees to whom the Directors may delegate certain of the functions of the

Directors. In further recognition of the Directors' power to delegate under Articles 105A to 106, responsibility for the running of the Academy Trust from the Effective Date will be delegated to the committees established by this Scheme of Delegation and each of which shall be known as the Local Governing Body of the Schools.

- 3.5 The constitution, membership and proceedings of the Local Governing Body is determined by the Directors and this Scheme of Delegation expresses such matters as well acknowledges the authority delegated to the Local Governing Body in order to enable the Local Governing Body to run the Academy and fulfil the Academy's mission. The Academy Trust is part of the Catholic Church and is to be conducted as a Catholic Multi Academy Trust in accordance with the canon law and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and in particular:
- 3.6 Religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, disciplines and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church;
- 3.7 Religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church; and at all times the Academy is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

4.1 Members of the Local Governing Body

- 4.1.1 The number of people who shall sit on the Local Governing Body shall be not less than eight but, unless otherwise determined by the Directors, shall not be subject to any maximum.
- 4.1.2 The Local Governing Body shall have the following members:
- 4.1.2.1 not more than 1 community member appointed under clause 4.2.1;

- 4.1.2.2 not more than 2 staff members, appointed under clause 4.2.2 and 4.2.3;
 - 4.1.2.3 not less than 2 and not more than 3 parent members elected or appointed under clause 4.2.5;
 - 4.1.2.4 the head teacher of the Academy (the “Headteacher”);
 - 4.1.2.5 any additional members, if appointed by the Directors at the request of the Secretary of State of Education (the “Secretary of State”) pursuant to clause 102c) of the Master Funding Agreement entered into between the Company and the Secretary of State governing the affairs of the Company; and
 - 4.1.2.6 not less than 5 members appointed under clause 4.2.4 (the “foundation members”) or such greater number so that at all times the number of foundation members shall exceed the number of other members serving on the Local Governing Body (including the Directors) by at least 2.
- 4.1.3 The Local Governing Body may also have up to 2 co-opted members appointed under clause 4.3.
- 4.1.4 The Directors (all or any of them) shall also be entitled to serve on the Local Governing Body and attend any meetings of the Local Governing Body. Any Director attending a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall count towards the quorum for the purposes of the meeting and shall be entitled to vote on any resolution being considered by the Local Governing Body.
- 4.1.5 All persons appointed or elected to the Local Governing Body shall give a written undertaking to the Directors Bishop to uphold the objects of the Company.

4.2 **Appointment of members of the Local Governing Body**

Community Members

- 4.2.1 The Local Governing Body may appoint 1 person to serve on the Local Governing Body, having regard to any recommendations and views of the Directors in relation to ensuring that the people serving on the Local Governing Body between them have an appropriate range of skills and experience and due attention is given to succession planning.

Staff Members

- 4.2.2 The Local Governing Body may appoint persons (other than the Principal) who are employed at the Academy to serve on the Local Governing Body through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of such persons (including the Principal) does not exceed one third of the total number of persons on the Local Governing Body. The positions held by those employed at the Academy (e.g. teaching and non teaching) may be taken into account when considering appointments.

Unless the Directors agree otherwise, in appointing persons to serve on the Local Governing Body who are employed at the Academy the Local Governing Body shall invite nominations from all staff employed under a contract of employment or a contract for services or otherwise engaged to provide services to the Academy (excluding the Principal) and, where there are any contested posts, shall hold an election by a secret ballot. All arrangements for the calling and the conduct of the election and resolution of questions as to whether any person is an eligible candidate shall be determined by the Local Governing Body.

Headteacher

- 4.2.3 The Headteacher shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio member of the Local Governing Body.

Parent members

- 4.2.4 Subject to clause 4.2.9 and 4.2.10, the parent members of the Local Governing Body shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy and he or she must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time when he or she is elected.
- 4.2.5 The Local Governing Body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all other matters relating to, an election of the parent members of the Local Governing Body, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy. Any election of persons who are to be the parent members of the Local Governing Body which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.
- 4.2.6 The arrangements made for the election of the parent members of the Local Governing Body shall provide for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post or, if he prefers, by having his ballot paper returned to the Academy by a registered pupil at the Academy.
- 4.2.7 Where a vacancy for a parent member of the Local Governing Body is required to be filled by election, the Local Governing Body shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to secure that every person who is known to them to be a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy is informed of the vacancy and that it is required to be filled by election, informed that he is entitled to stand as a candidate, and vote at the election, and given an opportunity to do so.

- 4.2.8 The number of parent members of the Local Governing Body required shall be made up by persons appointed by the Local Governing Body if the number of parents standing for election is less than the number of vacancies.
- 4.2.9 In appointing a person to be a parent member of the Local Governing Body pursuant to clause 4.2.9, the Local Governing Body shall appoint a person who is the parent of a registered pupil at the Academy; or where it is not reasonably practical to do so, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.

First Parent and Staff members

- 4.2.10 The first parent and staff members of the Local Governing Body shall be those people who filled those positions on the Governing Body of the predecessor voluntary aided school when it ceased to be such (provided they remain eligible under this Scheme of Delegation), who shall serve on the Local Governing Body for the remainder of the terms of office for which they were elected to the predecessor Governing Body.

Foundation members

- 4.2.11 The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle shall have the right to appoint foundation board members, on recommendation by the Board of Directors, who will always be in a majority of at least two. Only practising Catholics will be appointed as foundation board members.

4.3 Co-opted members of the Local Governing Body

4.3.1 The Local Governing Body may appoint up to 2 persons to be “Co-opted” to the Local Governing Body. A person who shall be “Co-opted” to the Local Governing Body means a person who is to serve on the Local Governing Body without having been appointed or elected to serve on the Local Governing Body. The Local Governing Body may not co-opt a person who is employed at the Academy if thereby the number of persons employed at the Academy serving on the Local Governing Body would exceed one third of the total number of persons serving on the Local Governing Body (including the Principal).

4.4 Term of office

4.4.1 The term of office for any person serving on the Local Governing Body shall be 4 years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Principal and persons who are “Co-Opted” to the Local Governing Body who shall serve for 1 year. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of member on the Local Governing Body, any person may be re-appointed or re-elected (including being “Co-opted” again) to the Local Governing Body.

4.5 Resignation and removal

4.5.1 A person serving on the Local Governing Body shall cease to hold office if he resigns his office by notice to the Local Governing Body (but only if at least eight persons will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

4.5.2 A person serving on the Local Governing Body shall cease to hold office if he is removed by the person or persons who appointed him. Whilst at the same time as acknowledging that no reasons need to be given for the removal of a person who serves on the

Local Governing Body by a person or persons who appointed him, any failure to uphold the values of the Company and/or the Academy or to act in a way which is appropriate in light of this Scheme of Delegation will be taken into account. A person (except a foundation member) may also be removed by the Directors but only after the Directors have given due regard to any representations by the Local Governing Body. This clause 4.5.2 does not apply in respect of a person who is serving as a parent member on the Local Governing Body.

4.5.3 If any person who serves on the Local Governing Body in his capacity as an employee at the Academy ceases to work at the Academy then he shall be deemed to have resigned and shall cease to serve on the Local Governing Body automatically on termination of his work at the Academy.

4.5.4 Where a persons who serves on the Local Governing Body resigns his office or is removed from office, that person (or, where he is removed from office, those removing him or her) shall give written notice thereof to the Local Governing Body who shall inform the Directors and the Bishop.

4.6 **Disqualification of members of the Local Governing Body**

4.6.1 No person shall be qualified to serve on the Local Governing Body unless he is aged 18 or over at the date of his election or appointment. No current pupil of the Academy shall be entitled to serve on the Local Governing Body.

4.6.2 A person serving on the Local Governing Body shall cease to hold office if he becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing or administering his own affairs.

- 4.6.3 A person serving on the Local Governing Body shall cease to hold office if he is absent without the permission of the Chair of the Local Governing Body from all the meetings of the Local Governing Body held within a period of six months and the Local Governing Body resolves that his office be vacated.
- 4.6.4 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if:
- 4.6.4.1 his estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
- 4.6.4.2 he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.
- 4.6.5 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body at any time when he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- 4.6.6 A person serving on the Local Governing Body shall cease to hold office if he would cease to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision)
- 4.6.7 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which he

was responsible or to which he was privy, or which he by his conduct contributed to or facilitated.

- 4.6.8 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body at any time when he is:
 - 4.6.8.1 included in the list kept by the Secretary of State under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999; or
 - 4.6.8.2 disqualified from working with children in accordance with Section 35 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; or
 - 4.6.8.3 barred from regulated activity relating to children (within the meaning of section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
- 4.6.9 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if he is a person in respect of whom a direction has been made under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or is subject to any prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction.
- 4.6.10 A person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body where he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 4.6.11 After the Academy has opened, a person shall be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if he has not provided to the chairman of the Local Governing Body a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of

the Police Act 1997. In the event that the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of either the chairman or the Principal confirm their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person shall be disqualified, a referral shall be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State shall be final.

4.6.12 Where, by virtue of this Scheme of Delegation, a person becomes disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body; and he was, or was proposed, to so serve, he shall upon becoming so disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Local Governing Body who shall inform the Directors and the Bishop.

4.6.13 This clause 4.6 and paragraph 2 of the Appendix shall also apply to any member of any committee of the Local Governing Body who is not a member of the Local Governing Body.

5. DELEGATED POWERS

5.1 General Provisions

5.1.1 Subject to provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the Articles and to any directions given by the Members of the Company following a special resolution or any directives issued by the Bishop, the management of the business of the Academy shall be delegated by the Directors to the Local Governing Body who may exercise all the powers of the Company in so far as they relate to the Academy, in accordance with the terms of this Scheme of Delegation. No alteration of the Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Local Governing Body which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. Except as provided for in this Scheme of Delegation, the powers given by this Scheme of

Delegation shall not be limited by any special power given to the Directors by the Articles or to the Local Governing Body by this Scheme of Delegation and a meeting of the Local Governing Body at which a quorum is present may exercise all the powers so delegated.

5.1.2 In general terms, the responsibility of the Directors in so far as the business of the Academy is concerned is to determine the policy and procedures of the Academy, to provide oversight of central services and to consider and respond to strategic issues. In practice it is the intention of the Company that the work of the Local Governing Body is directed towards improving standards and the delivery of the school development plan.

5.1.3 Except as provided for in this Scheme of Delegation, in addition to all powers hereby expressly conferred upon the Local Governing Body and without detracting from the generality of the powers delegated, the Local Governing Body shall have the following powers, namely:

5.1.3.1 to expend certain funds of the Company as permitted by clause 5.3 in such manner as the Local Governing Body shall consider most beneficial for the achievement of the Object in so far as it relates to the Academy and to invest in the name of the Company such part of the funds of the Company for which it has responsibility pursuant to this Scheme of Delegation as it may see fit and to direct the sale or transposition of any such investments and to expend the proceeds of any such sale in furtherance of the Object; and

5.1.3.2 to enter into contracts on behalf of the Company in so far as they relate to the Academy.

- 5.1.4 In the exercise of its powers and functions, the Local Governing Body may consider any advice given by the Principal and any other executive officer as well as the Directors and the Bishop.

5.2 Ethos and Values

- 5.2.1 Whilst the Local Governing Body shall be responsible for ensuring that the Academy is conducted in accordance with its ethos and values referred to in clause 2, the determination of the Academy's ethos and mission statement shall be the responsibility of the Directors who shall not make any alteration to the religious character of the Academy or the conduct of the Academy as a Catholic school without the consent of the Bishop.
- 5.2.2 At all times, the Directors and the Local Governing Body shall ensure that the Academy is conducted in accordance with the object of the Company and any agreement entered into with the Secretary of State for the funding of the Academy.

5.3 Finance

- 5.3.1 In acknowledgement of the receipt by the Directors of funds in relation to the Academy; provided by the Secretary of State, donated to the company and generated from the activities of the Company, the Directors delegate to the Local Governing Body the responsibility to manage and expend all monies received on account of the Academy for the purposes of delivering the Academy development plan an amount to be determined each year by the Directors acting reasonably.
- 5.3.2 Whilst the Local Governing Body shall have the power to enter into contracts on behalf of the Company in so far as they relate to the Academy pursuant to clause 5.1.3, the Local Governing Body shall first obtain the written consent of the Directors to any

contracts or expenditure for any single matter above £30,000 or such other amount as the Directors shall determine.

- 5.3.3 The accounts of the Company shall be the responsibility of the Directors but the Local Governing Body shall provide such information about the finances of the Academy as often and in such format as the Directors shall reasonably require.
- 5.3.4 The Local Governing Body shall ensure that proper procedures are put in place for the safeguarding of funds and that the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook are observed at all times as well as any requirements and recommendations of the Directors and the Secretary of State.
- 5.3.5 The Local Governing Body shall inform the Directors and the Bishop of any need for significant unplanned expenditure and will discuss with the Directors (and others as the Directors shall require) options for identifying available funding.
- 5.3.6 The Company shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring appropriate risk management strategies. The Local Governing Body shall provide such information about the Academy as often and in such format as the Directors shall reasonably require in order that appropriate risk management strategies are implemented.. The Local Governing Body will at all times adopt financial prudence in managing the financial affairs of the Company in so far as these relate to the Academy.
- 5.3.7 Both the Directors and the Local Governing Body acknowledge that the Bishop has no financial responsibility for the Company or the Academy in any situation.

5.4 Premises

- 5.4.1 Subject to and without prejudice to clauses 5.3.2 and 5.4.4, the maintenance of the buildings and facilities used in respect of the Academy is the responsibility of the Local Governing Body, who shall have regard at all times to the safety of the users of the buildings and the facilities and the legal responsibilities of the Directors (and/or any others) as owners of such buildings and facilities.
- 5.4.2 The development of a 5 year estate management strategy for academies within the Company is the responsibility of the Directors of the Company, in conjunction with the Local Governing Body in respect of the Academy. This plan will identify the suitability of building and facilities in light of long term curriculum needs and the need for and availability of capital investment to meet the Company's responsibility to ensure the buildings and facilities are maintained to a good standard.
- 5.4.3 The responsibility for any disposals or acquisitions of land to be used by the Academy will be that of the Directors.
- 5.4.4 Insuring the land and buildings used by the Academy will be the responsibility of the Directors who shall recover the cost from the budget delegated to the Local Governing Body.

5.5 Resources

5.5.1 **Headteacher**

- 5.5.1.1 The Directors shall appoint the Headteacher and such other of the senior management team as the Directors shall determine from time to time. The Directors and the Local Governing Body may delegate such powers and functions as they consider are required by the

Headteacher for the internal organisation, management and control of the Academy (including the implementation of all policies approved by the Directors and the Local Governing Body and for the direction of the teaching and curriculum at the Academy). The Diocesan Education Department shall have an advisory role in connection with such appointments.

5.5.1.2 The Directors shall ensure that the Headteacher is a practising Catholic in full communion with the Catholic Church.

5.5.2 Other Staff

5.5.2.1 The Local Governing Body shall be responsible for the appointment and management of all other staff to be employed at the Academy provided that the Local Governing Body shall:

5.5.2.1.1 comply with all policies dealing with staff issued by the Directors from time to time;

5.5.2.1.2 take account of any pay terms set by the Directors;

5.5.2.1.3 adopt any standard contracts or terms and conditions for the employment of staff issued by the Directors;

5.5.2.1.4 manage any claims and disputes with staff members having regard to any advice and recommendations given by the Directors.

5.5.2.2 The responsibility for the performance management of staff lies with the Directors who shall put in place

procedures for the proper professional and personal development of staff. The performance management of the Principal will be carried out by three members of the Local Governing Body, at least one of which will be a Director of the Company in accordance with the relevant policies of the Company.

5.6 Standards

- 5.6.1 The Local Governing Body shall be responsible for the setting and review of the curriculum but shall have regard to any views of the Directors in recognition of the Directors' obligation to the Secretary of State to provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
- 5.6.2 The Local Governing Body shall be responsible for the standards achieved by the Academy and the pupils attending the Academy but shall follow such advice and recommendations of the Directors as they might issue from time to time.
- 5.6.3 The Directors shall be responsible for setting and reviewing from time to time of the admissions policies of the Academy. Any changes to the admissions policy require the written consent of the Bishop. The Directors shall, in conjunction with the Local Governing Body, ensure that such policy has been applied appropriately to each intake, in accordance with Diocesan Guidance, the Admissions Code and with due regard to any locally agreed fair access protocols. Each Local Governing Body shall also nominate the chair of the Local Governing Body and the Headteacher (or if such persons are not available such other person approved by the Directors) to present the Academy's statement to any relevant

5.6.4 Any decision to expand the Academy shall be that of the Directors (with the written consent of the Bishop) but who shall have regard to the views of the Local Governing Body.

5.7 Extended Schools and Business Activities

5.7.1 Whilst the undertaking of any activities which would be described as part of the Academy's "extended schools agenda" or any activities designed to generate business income, would be the responsibility of the Local Governing Body, this shall only be undertaken in a manner consistent with any policy set by the Directors (and the Bishop [and the Trustees]) and having regard to the viability of such activities, the impact on the Academy's activities and any financial implications, such as the threat of taxation in light of the Company's charitable objects and any threat to funding provided by the Secretary of State.

5.8 Regulatory Matters

5.8.1 The responsibility for the satisfaction and observance of all regulatory and legal matters shall be the Directors but the Local Governing Body shall do all such things as the Directors may specify as being necessary to ensure that the Company is meeting its legal obligations.

6. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

6.1 The Local Governing Body shall comply with the obligations set out in the Appendix which deals with the day to day operation of the Local Governing Body.

- 6.2 The Local Governing Body will adopt and will comply with all policies of the Directors and the Bishop communicated to the Local Governing Body from time to time.
- 6.3 Both the Directors and all members of the Local Governing Body have a duty to act independently and not as agents of those who may have appointed them and will act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the Company and the Academy and shall be open about decisions and be prepared to justify those decisions except in so far as any matter may be considered confidential.
- 6.4 The Local Governing Body will review its policies and practices on a regular basis, having regard to recommendations made by the Directors (and the Bishop) from time to time, in order to ensure that the governance of the Academy is best able to adapt to the changing political and legal environment.
- 6.5 The Local Governing Body shall provide such data and information regarding the business of the Academy and the pupils attending the Academy as the Directors may require from time to time.
- 6.6 The Local Governing Body shall submit to any inspections by the Directors and any inspections pursuant to section 48 of the Education Act 2005 and any additional canonical inspections and visitations of the Bishop and any person appointed by him for the purpose of ensuring that the Academy is being conducted in accordance with canon law and is following the practices and teachings of the Catholic Church and in order to allow the Bishop to assess how well the Academy is being managed in light of the additional responsibilities and expectations of schools which are academies.
- 6.7 The Local Governing Body shall work closely with and shall promptly implement any advice or recommendations made by the Directors in the event that intervention is either threatened or is carried out by the

Secretary of State and the Directors expressly reserve the unfettered right to review or remove any power or responsibility conferred on the Local Governing Body under this Scheme of Delegation in such circumstances.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW

- 7.1 This Scheme of Delegation shall operate from the Effective Date in respect of the named Academy. Where applicable, it will be based on the framework Scheme of Delegation that will have been put in place on the incorporation of the Company and will have been attached to Company's first Articles of Association.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding this being the first Scheme of Delegation to apply in respect of the Academy, the Directors will have the absolute discretion to review this Scheme of Delegation at least on an annual basis and to alter any provisions of it.
- 7.3 In considering any material changes to this Scheme of Delegation or any framework on which it is based, the Directors will have regard to and give due consideration of any views of the Local Governing Body.

APPENDIX

FUNCTIONING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

1. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

- 1.1 The members of the Local Governing Body shall each school year, at their last meeting in that year, elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among their number (subject to this paragraph) to serve from the beginning of the next academic year until a successor is appointed or a vacancy occurs as envisaged in paragraph 1.3. Only Foundation members will be eligible to be elected as chairman or vice-chairman of the Local Governing Body unless such members are not willing to act as such. In the event that Foundation members do not wish to act as chairman or vice-chairman then the members shall elect from among their number who are not Foundation members, subject to the rest of this paragraph. Neither a person who is employed by the Company (whether or not at the Academy) nor a person who is at the time of election already a Director of the Company (except where such person is a Director by virtue of being the incumbent chairman) shall be eligible for election as chairman or vice-chairman, noting for the avoidance of doubt that once elected the chairman will be eligible to serve as a Director of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Articles 51 and 52. Subject to paragraph 1.4, the chairman or vice-chairman shall hold office as such until his successor has been elected in accordance with this clause 1.
- 1.2 The chairman or vice-chairman may at any time resign his office by giving notice in writing to the Local Governing Body. The chairman or vice-chairman shall cease to hold office if:
- 1.2.1 he ceases to serve on the Local Governing Body;
 - 1.2.2 he is employed by the Company whether or not at the Academy;
 - 1.2.3 he is removed from office in accordance with this Scheme of

Delegation; or

- 1.2.4 in the case of the vice-chairman, he is elected in accordance with this Scheme of Delegation to fill a vacancy in the office of chairman.
- 1.3 Where by reason of any of the matters referred to in paragraph 1.3, a vacancy arises in the office of chairman or vice-chairman, the members of the Local Governing Body shall at its next meeting elect one of their number to fill that vacancy.
- 1.4 Where the chairman is absent from any meeting or there is at the time a vacancy in the office of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act as the chair for the purposes of the meeting.
- 1.5 Where in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1.5 the vice-chairman is also absent from the meeting or there is at the time a vacancy in the office of vice-chairman, the members of the Local Governing Body shall elect one of their number to act as a chairman for the purposes of that meeting, provided that the person elected shall neither be a person who is employed by the Company whether or not at the Academy nor a Director.
- 1.6 The Local Governing Body will elect a Foundation member to act as chairman during that part of any meeting at which the chairman is elected.
- 1.7 Any election of the chairman or vice-chairman which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.
- 1.8 The chairman or vice-chairman may only be removed from office by the Directors at any time or by the Local Governing Body in accordance with this Scheme of Delegation.
- 1.9 A resolution to remove the chairman or vice-chairman from office which is passed at a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall not have effect unless:

- 1.9.1 it is confirmed by a resolution passed at a second meeting of the Local Governing Body held not less than fourteen days after the first meeting; and
 - 1.9.2 the matter of the chairman's or vice-chairman's removal from office is specified as an item of business on the agenda for each of those meetings.
- 1.10 Before a resolution is passed by the Local Governing Body at the relevant meeting as to whether to confirm the previous resolution to remove the chairman or vice-chairman from office, the person or persons proposing his removal shall at that meeting state their reasons for doing so and the chairman or vice-chairman shall be given an opportunity to make a statement in response.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Any member of the Local Governing Body who has or can have any direct or indirect duty or personal interest (including but not limited to any Personal Financial Interest) which conflicts or may conflict with his duties as a member of the Local Governing Body shall disclose that fact to the Local Governing Body as soon as he becomes aware of it. A person must absent himself from any discussions of the Local Governing Body in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his duty to act solely in the interests of the Academy and any duty or personal interest (including but not limited to any Personal Financial Interest).
- 2.2 For the purpose of paragraph 2.1, a person has a Personal Financial Interest if he is in the employment of the Company or is in receipt of remuneration or the provision of any other benefit directly from the Company or in some other way is linked to the Company or the Academy.

2.3 In any conflict between any provision of this Scheme of Delegation and the Articles, the Articles shall prevail.

2.4 Any disagreement between the members of the Local Governing Body and the Principal or any subcommittee of the Local Governing Body shall be referred to the Directors for their determination.

3. THE MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall be drawn up and entered into a book kept for the purpose by the person authorised to keep the minutes of the Local Governing Body; and shall be signed (subject to the approval of the members of the Local Governing Body) at the same or next subsequent meeting by the person acting as chairman thereof. The minutes shall include a record of:

3.1.1 all appointments of officers made by the Local Governing Body; and

3.1.2 all proceedings at meetings of the Local Governing Body and of committees of the Local Governing Body including the names of all persons present at each such meeting.

3.2 The chairman shall ensure that copies of minutes of all meeting of the Local Governing Body (and such of the subcommittees as the Directors shall from time to time notify) shall be provided to the Directors and the Bishop as soon as reasonably practicable after those minutes are approved.

4. COMMITTEES

4.1 Subject to this Scheme of Delegation, the Local Governing Body, as a sub-committee of the Directors, may not delegate any of the authority that has been delegated to them by the Directors, to a sub-committee. The Local Governing Body may not, therefore, establish sub-committees. It may,

however establish informal working groups to consider particular issues or interest. The responsibilities of such a group do not go beyond making recommendations or suggestions or providing advice to the Local Governing Body.

5. MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

- 5.1 Subject to this Scheme of Delegation, the Local Governing Body may regulate its proceedings as instructed by the Directors.
- 5.2 The Local Governing Body shall meet at least three times in every school year. Meetings of the Local Governing Body shall be convened by the secretary to the Local Governing Body. Meetings shall include standard agenda items, as determined by the Directors and encompass standard reporting mechanisms. In exercising his functions under this Scheme of Delegation the secretary shall comply with any direction:
 - 5.2.1 given by the Directors or the Local Governing Body; or
 - 5.2.2 given by the chairman of the Local Governing Body or, in his absence or where there is a vacancy in the office of chairman, the vice-chairman of the Local Governing Body, so far as such direction is not inconsistent with any direction given as mentioned in 6.2.1 above.
- 5.3 Any three members of the Local Governing Body may, by notice in writing given to the secretary, requisition a meeting of the Local Governing Body; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to convene such a meeting as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- 5.4 Each member of the Local Governing Body shall be given at least seven clear days before the date of a meeting:
 - 5.4.1 notice in writing thereof, signed by the secretary, and sent to

each member of the Local Governing Body at the address provided by each member from time to time; and

5.4.2 a copy of the agenda for the meeting;

provided that where the chairman or, in his absence or where there is a vacancy in the office of chairman, the vice-chairman, so determines on the ground that there are matters demanding urgent consideration, it shall be sufficient if the written notice of a meeting, and the copy of the agenda thereof are given within such shorter period as he directs.

5.5 The convening of a meeting and the proceedings conducted thereat shall not be invalidated by reason of any individual not having received written notice of the meeting or a copy of the agenda thereof.

5.6 A resolution to rescind or vary a resolution carried at a previous meeting of the Local Governing Body shall not be proposed at a meeting of the Local Governing Body unless the consideration of the rescission or variation of the previous resolution is a specific item of business on the agenda for that meeting.

5.7 A meeting of the Local Governing Body shall be terminated forthwith if:

5.7.1 the members of the Local Governing Body so resolve; or

5.7.2 the number of members present ceases to constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Local Governing Body in accordance with paragraph 6.10, subject to paragraph 6.12.

5.8 Where in accordance with paragraph 6.7 a meeting is not held or is terminated before all the matters specified as items of business on the agenda for the meeting have been disposed of, a further meeting shall be convened by the secretary as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within seven days of the date on which the meeting was originally to be held or was so terminated.

- 5.9 Where the Local Governing Body resolves in accordance with paragraph 6.7 to adjourn a meeting before all the items of business on the agenda have been disposed of, the Local Governing Body shall before doing so determine the time and date at which a further meeting is to be held for the purposes of completing the consideration of those items, and they shall direct the secretary to convene a meeting accordingly.
- 5.10 Subject to paragraph 6.12, the quorum for a meeting of the Local Governing Body, and any vote on any matter thereat, shall be any three of the members of the Local Governing Body, or, where greater, any one third (rounded up to a whole number) of the total number of persons holding office on the Local Governing Body at the date of the meeting. If the Directors have appointed any additional members of the Local Governing Body pursuant to clause 4.1.2.5 of this Scheme of Delegation then a majority of the quorum must be made up of such persons.
- 5.11 The Local Governing Body may act notwithstanding any vacancies on its board, but, if the numbers of persons serving is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing persons may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
- 5.12 The quorum for the purposes of:
- 5.12.1 appointing a parent member;
 - 5.12.2 any vote on the removal of a person in accordance with this Scheme of Delegation;
 - 5.12.3 any vote on the removal of the chairman of the Local Governing Body;
- shall be any two-thirds (rounded up to a whole number) of the persons who are at the time persons entitled to vote on those respective matters plus a Director.

- 5.13 Subject to this Scheme of Delegation, every question to be decided at a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the persons present and entitled to vote on the question. Every member of the Local Governing Body shall have one vote.
- 5.14 Subject to paragraphs 6.10 – 6.12, where there is an equal division of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 5.15 The proceedings of the Local Governing Body shall not be invalidated by
- 5.15.1 any vacancy on the board; or
 - 5.15.2 any defect in the election, appointment or nomination of any person serving on the Local Governing Body.
- 5.16 A resolution in writing, signed by all the persons entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Local Governing Body or of a subcommittee of the Local Governing Body, shall be valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Local Governing Body or (as the case may be) a subcommittee of the Local Governing Body duly convened and held. Such a resolution may consist of several documents in the same form, each signed by one or more of the members of the Local Governing Body and may include an electronic communication by or on behalf of the Local Governing Body indicating his or her agreement to the form of resolution providing that the member has previously notified the Local Governing Body in writing of the email address or addresses which the member will use.
- 5.17 Subject to paragraph 6.18, the Local Governing Body shall ensure that a copy of:
- 5.17.1 the agenda for every meeting of the Local Governing Body;

- 5.17.2 the draft minutes of every such meeting, if they have been approved by the person acting as chairman of that meeting;
 - 5.17.3 the signed minutes of every such meeting; and
 - 5.17.4 any report, document or other paper considered at any such meeting, are, as soon as reasonably practicable, made available at the Academy to persons wishing to inspect them.
- 5.18 There may be excluded from any item required to be made available in pursuance of paragraph 6.17, any material relating to:
- 5.18.1 a named teacher or other person employed, or proposed to be employed, at the Academy;
 - 5.18.2 a named pupil at, or candidate for admission to, the Academy; and
 - 5.18.3 any matter which, by reason of its nature, the Local Governing Body is satisfied should remain confidential.
- 5.19 Any member of the Local Governing Body shall be able to participate in meetings of the Local Governing Body by telephone or video conference provided that:
- 5.19.1 he has given notice of his intention to do so detailing the telephone number on which he can be reached and/or appropriate details of the video conference suite from which he shall be taking part at the time of the meeting at least 48 hours before the meeting; and
 - 5.19.2 the Local Governing Body has access to the appropriate equipment if after all reasonable efforts it does not prove possible for the person to participate by telephone or video conference the meeting may still proceed with its business provided it is otherwise quorate.

6. NOTICES

- 6.1 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to this Scheme of Delegation (other than a notice calling a meeting of the Local Governing Body) shall be in writing or shall be given using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice. In these Articles, "Address" in relation to electronic communications, includes a number or address used for the purposes of such communications.
- 6.2 A notice may be given by the Local Governing Body to its members either personally or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address or by giving it using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified to the Local Governing Body by the member. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Local Governing Body an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him, or an address to which notices may be sent using electronic communications, shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Local Governing Body.
- 6.3 A member of the Local Governing Body present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Local Governing Body shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where necessary, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 6.4 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Proof that a notice contained in an electronic communication was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after

the envelope containing it was posted or, in the case of a notice contained in an electronic communication, at the expiration of 48 hours after the time it was sent.

7. INDEMNITY

7.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 every member of the Local Governing Body or other officer or auditor of the Company acting in relation to the Academy shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company.