

**DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY/CHESHIRE WEST LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**Ellesmere Port Catholic High School**

Instrument of Government

1. The name of the school is Ellesmere Port Catholic High School.
2. The School was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The School is to be conducted as a Catholic School in accordance with Canon Law and the teachings of the Catholic Church, and in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and in particular:
  - a) religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church;
  - b) religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church;and at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The School is a voluntary aided school in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is an exempt charity for advancing the Catholic religion in the Diocese in such ways being charitable as the Bishop shall from time to time direct.
4. The name of the governing body is: The Governing Body of Ellesmere Port Catholic High School
5. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) nine foundation governors;
  - (b) two parent governors;
  - (c) one head teacher;
  - (d) one staff governor;
  - (e) one local authority governor;
  - (f) two co-opted governors.
6. Total number of governors: [16]
7. Foundation governors shall be appointed and may be removed by the Bishop of Shrewsbury or any other person exercising Ordinary jurisdiction in his name including, where the See is vacant or impeded, the person or persons on whom the governance of the See has devolved.
8. The term of office for every foundation governor shall terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> August following the fourth anniversary of the date of appointment.
9. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on 1 September 2015.
10. This Instrument of Government was approved by the Diocese of Shrewsbury on 2 July 2015 and made by order of Cheshire West Local Authority on [*date of making*].
11. A copy of this Instrument of Government must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and any head teacher if not a governor), and the Diocese of Shrewsbury.