Guide to Reconstituting the Governing Body of a Foundation School without a foundation

Under the Revised DfE Constitution of Maintained School 2014

The Governing Body cannot be smaller than 7 members and must consist of:

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**NB:** Local Authority Governors are nominated by the LA for appointment by the governing body. Nominations from schools need to be approved by the LA.

**Co-opted Governors:**

The Governing Body may appoint as many additional co-opted governors as they consider necessary. However, the total number of staff co-opted governors when counted with the one elected staff governor and the head teacher must not exceed one-third of the total membership of the governing body.

**Partnership Governors**

There must be at least 2 Partnership Governors who are appointed by the Governing Body but no more than one quarter of the total number of governors.

**Please see below a list of suggested skills that Governing Bodies may like to use:**

- Willingness to Learn
- Commitment
- Active Engagement with Governance
- Good Interpersonal Skills
- Willingness to take in responsibilities
- Commitment to own development
- General Interest in Children’s Education

Please submit your proposed new Instrument of Government in the first instance for approval to the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education email: governors@northamptonshire.gov.uk
MODEL INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: FOUNDATION SCHOOLS

1. The name of the school is…………………………………………………………………….

2. The school is a foundation school that does not have a foundation.

3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of………………………….."
   [insert the name of the school as set out in paragraph 1. above].

4. The governing body shall consist of:
   a. The Headteacher;
   b. X parent governors, to be elected
   c. 1 staff governor, and only one, to be elected
   d. 1 Local Authority governor, and only one, to be elected
   e. X partnership governors
   f. X co-opted governors.

5. Total number of governors is […].

12. [applicable if the term of office of one or more categories of governor is shorter than four years:] The term of office of [x category of governor] is [insert period between one and four years].

13. This instrument of government comes into effect on [insert a date]

14. This instrument was made by order of Northamptonshire County Council on [insert date]………………………

15. A copy of the instrument will be supplied to every member of the governor body (and the head teacher if not a governor).