

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

The School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2012  
(as amended by The School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2016)

### INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

1. The name of the federation is: **North Yorkshire Rural Schools Federation.**

2. The names and categories of the schools in the federation are:

Name	Category
1. Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	Voluntary Controlled
2. Langton Primary School	Community
3. Stillington Primary School	Community
4. Terrington Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	Voluntary Aided

3. The name of the governing body is: **"The Governing Body of North Yorkshire Rural Schools Federation.**

4. The governing body shall consist of the following:

Category of Governor	No. of governors in each category
Parent Governors	Two
Staff Governor	One
Headteacher	One
Local Authority Governor	One
Foundation Governors	Five
Co-opted Governors	Four

5. Total number of governors: Fourteen (14).

6. The Church School Oversight Agreement dated 1.9.2025 sets out the conditions upon which the Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School and Terrington Voluntary Aided Primary School are to be governed, and this Instrument shall be read in conjunction with its terms.

7. In the event of any breach of the Church School Oversight Agreement (as defined by that agreement) the governing body shall, at the request of The York Diocesan Board of Education, immediately be reconstituted to include such number of foundation governors that they shall outnumber all other governors by 2.

8. Foundation governors are appointed by The York Diocesan Board of Education after consultation with:

- i. The Parochial Church Council of the parish in which Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is situated (1).
- ii. The Parochial Church Council of the parish in which Terrington Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is situated (2).
- a) The holders of the following offices shall be foundation governors ex-officio;
- iii. The Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish in which Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is situated.

- iv. The Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish in which Terrington Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is situated.
- b) The Archdeacon of York shall be entitled to appoint a foundation governor to act in place of an ex-officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that the ex-officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or where there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his or her governorship exists.

9. The Archdeacon of York is entitled to request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint a substitute governor.

10. There is a record of a Trust Deed for Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, dated 28 March 1844.

11. Foston Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, and Terrington Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School are schools designated as having a religious character and whose ethos is derived from a Church of England Foundation:

*"Recognising its historic foundation, the 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 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 the experience it offers all its pupils".*

12. This instrument comes into effect on 01<sup>st</sup> September 2025

13. This instrument was made by order of North Yorkshire Local Authority on

Friday 29 August 2025

14. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing Board any trustees and to the appropriate religious body.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE NORTH  
YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed this 29 day of  
August 2025 in the presence of:-



*W. Cooley*  
**AUTHORISED  
SIGNATORY**