

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

**EAST BERGHOLT CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. The name of the school is East Bergholt Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School.
2. The school is a Voluntary Controlled School.
3. The name of the governing body is “The Governing Body of East Bergholt Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School”.
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - a. 2 parent governors
  - b. 1 Local Authority governor
  - c. 1 staff governor
  - d. The Headteacher (unless they choose to resign the position)
  - e. 2 foundation governors
  - f. 6 co-opted governors  
(The total number of co-opted governors who are eligible to be elected as staff governors under schedule 2 of the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, when counted with the staff governor and the Headteacher, must not exceed one third of the total membership of the governing body).
5. The total number of governors thirteen (13) except at any time when the Headteacher has chosen to resign as a governor, when the total number will be twelve (12).
6. The Headteacher, unless they resign from their governance position, remains a governor while continuing to hold their post. The ex-officio governor will continue to serve as a governor until such time as they relinquish the office that entitles them to their appointment. The term of office of all other governors is four years.
7. The foundation body entitled to appoint a foundation governor is the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, East Bergholt. The appointment must be ratified by the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Education.
8. The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:
  - a. The Principal Officiating Minister of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, East Bergholt.

b. The Archdeacon of Suffolk shall be entitled to appoint a foundation governor to act in the place of the 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 had been removed from the office under regulation 20(2) of the Regulations.

9. The school has a Trust Deed.

The ethos of the school is as follows:

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 to all its pupils.

10. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on 5 March 2021

11. This Instrument was made by order of Suffolk Local Authority on 3 March 2021

12. A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Headteacher if not a governor), any trustees, and to the appropriate religious body.



Authorised Signatory, Suffolk County Council