Instrument of Government

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1. Legislation and statutory guidance

Governing boards of maintained schools must have an instrument of government which sets out information about how the board is constituted. This requirement is set out in The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, part 5, regulation 28.

This model instrument of government is based on the model document in the Department for Education's statutory guidance, the Constitution of Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools.

2. Instrument of government

1. The name of the school is LEIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
2. The school is a Central Bedfordshire Council locally maintained Community school
3. The name of the governing board is 'The governing board of Leighton Middle School'
4. The governing board shall consist of:
    a. 2 parent governors
    b. 1 local authority governor
    c. 1 staff governor
    d. 1 headteacher
    e. 7 co-opted governors
5. The total number of governors is 12
6. The term of office for Staff governor is 2 years

    The term of office for Local Authority governor is 2 years

    The term of office for Parent governor is 3 years
7. The term of office for Co-opted governors shall be between one year and four years as determined by the appointing body at the time of appointment and notified to the clerk.
8. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st September 2021
9. This instrument was made by order of Central Bedfordshire Council on 16th April 2015

A copy of the consolidated instrument will be supplied free of charge to every member and associate member of the governing board (including the headteacher where they are not a governor).

3. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the governing board once every year.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the full governing board.

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