



ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE, EVERYONE GROWING TOGETHER  
TO BECOME THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

# INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

## MARCH 2023

Policy Leader	Mrs Helen Swinson
Governor	Paul Adnitt (Chair of Governors)
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*At Barrow URC Primary School, our Christian vision shapes all that we do, 'Rooted in God's love, everyone growing together to be the best that they can be.' Ephesians 3.16-19*

*Therefore we work hard to ensure that all of our pupils are included in all parts of school life. We begin with high quality teaching, ensuring that all of our staff are trained to support all children. For children with special educational needs or disability, we may make reasonable adjustments or call upon the support of external experts. We have high expectations for all of our children and track the progress they make carefully, ensuring timely and high quality intervention is in place where necessary. It is important that we work closely with families, with the child always at the heart of our approach. We provide a safe, inclusive environment, in which all children feel welcome and valued. In our school, the child is always at the heart of what we do. Our seven core values- Respect, Honesty, Trust, Love, Peace, Kindness and Forgiveness- are the pillars of our school community and help us to provide a safe, caring environment in which all our children feel welcome and valued.*

**School Number: 11070**

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOL**

1. The name of the school is Barrow United Reformed Church Primary School
2. The school is a voluntary controlled school
3. The name of the governing body is "The Governing Body of Barrow United Reformed Church Primary School"
4. The ethos statement of this voluntary school is:

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the United Reformed Church and in partnership with the Church at local and synod level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an 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.

5. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 5 co-opted governors
  - (b) 3 foundation governors
  - (c) 1 staff governor
  - (d) 1 headteacher
  - (e) 1 local authority governor
  - (f) 2 parent governors
6. The total number of governors is: 13
7. Those entitled to appoint foundation governors are:
  - (a) The United Reformed Church (North West Province) Trust Limited shall be entitled to appoint 2 Foundation Governors
8.
  - (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio:

a United Reformed Church minister serving the partnership in which the school is located
  - (b) The United Reformed Church (North West Province) shall 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 that ex-officio foundation governor is unable to or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which the governorship exists.
9. The United Reformed Church (North West Province) Trust Limited shall have the power to request the

removal of the ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute

10. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1 September 2019
11. This instrument was made by order of Lancashire local authority on 23 July 2019
12. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor), and to trustees and all bodies which appoint foundation governors