



# **St. James' Church of England Primary School**

**'Building One Faith, One  
Family,  
Our Future'**

**Instrument of  
Government**

Approved by Governors – Summer 2024

Review Date – Summer 2025

## Foundation, Vision and Intent

**St James' Lower Darwen**

Church of England Primary School



**"Building One Faith, One Family, Our Future."**

**"We offer a holistic curriculum that champions our community and is aspirational."**

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

through

ENRICHMENT

THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

SKATS

FORGIVENESS

COMPASSION

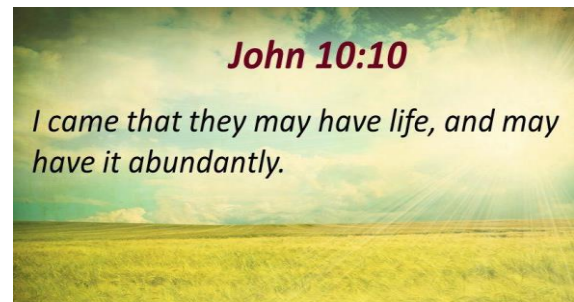
LOVE

TRUTH

JUSTICE

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**John 10:10**



We want our children to know that **God has a plan for them** that means **they live their best life possible**.

Each **policy** and procedure within school, alongside the ongoing **curriculum** delivery, our **SKATS** programme, **enrichment** and the **spiritual development** offered to our families through Worship, RE and our links with Church, work towards making this happen.

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### INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOL

1. The name of the school is Lower Darwen St James Church of England Primary School.

2. The school is a voluntary aided school.

3. The name of the governing body is 'The Governing Body of Lower Darwen St James' Church of England Primary School'.

4. The school has a trust deed dated 26th November 1838 and 11th June 1866.

5. 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 Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan 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.

6. The governing body shall consist of:

- (a) 2 parent governors
- (b) 1 local authority governor
- (c) 1 staff governor
- (d) 1 headteacher
- (e) 7 foundation governors

7. The total number of governors is 12

8. (a) The Diocesan Board of Education for the Diocese of Blackburn appoints foundation governors

(i) 3 on the nomination of the Principal Officiating Minister for the Parish of Lower Darwen St James

(ii) 3 on the nomination of the Parochial Church Council of Lower Darwen St James

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(b) If the Principal Officiating Minister (or if there is a vacancy in the office) or the Parochial Church Council is unwilling to nominate foundation governors, then the Diocesan Board of Education appoints appropriate governors in consultation with the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry within which the school is situated.

9. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: the Principal Officiating Minister for the Church of Lower Darwen St James

(b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry within which the school is situated 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 or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his governorship exists, or has been removed from office under Regulation 23(2).

10. The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry within which the school is situated and the Diocesan Director of Education shall have the power to request the removal of the

ex-officio foundation governor and to appoint any substitute.

11. This instrument of government comes into effect on 21 September 2017.

12. This instrument was made by order of Blackburn with Darwen local authority on 25 September 2017.

13. 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.

Linda Clegg Date 25 September 2017  
Director of Children's Services  
(Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council)