



## **Moss Hall Schools Federation – Instrument of Government**

Since 1st January 2020, Moss Hall Infant and Junior Schools have become a federation of 2 schools. The former individual Governing Boards of both schools have been dissolved and a single Governing Board created for the federation.

### **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.

### **Functions of the Governing Board**

The Governing Board has three main functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the schools and making sure their money is well spent.
- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools and their pupils.
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

The day to day running of the schools remains the responsibility of the Executive Headteacher and their Leadership teams.

Governing Board meetings are open to observers and dates and times of upcoming meetings will be published on the school website and in our newsletters with minutes made available after meetings also on the school's website.

The new Governing Board is committed to working with the entire school community in order to provide a coherent and ambitious learning journey for all children across our schools.

### **Instrument of government**

1. Moss Hall Schools Federation is comprised of 'Moss Hall Infant School' and 'Moss Hall Junior School' and together is called the 'Moss Hall Schools Federation'
2. The schools are both community schools.
3. The name of the governing board is 'The governing board of Moss Hall Schools Federation'.
4. The Constitution of the Federation Governing Board was set out in our consultation and is as follows:
  - 15 members comprising - Executive Headteacher, Local Authority Governor, Staff Governor, 2 x Parent Governors (1 from each school). The above members are set out by statute and their numbers cannot be altered (i.e. the schools cannot elect more than 1 Parent Governor each).

In addition, the federation will have:

- 10 Co-opted Governors (of which it is anticipated a minimum of 5 will be parents at any time and 1 will be a Staff Member from the school not to elect a staff governor.
5. The total possible number of governors is 15.
  6. The term of office for category of governor is 4 years.
  7. This instrument was made by order of Barnet Local Authority on 1 January 2020.

A copy of the consolidated instrument will be supplied free of charge to every member and associate member of the governing board.