

CONSTITUTION OF WICKHAM SCHOOL
PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

1. The name of the Association shall be FRIENDS OF WICKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL.
2. The object of the Association is to advance the education of the pupils in the School. In furtherance of this object the Association may:
 - (a) Develop more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the School.
 - (b) Engage in activities which support the School and advance the education of the pupils attending it.
 - (c) Provide and assist in the provision of facilities for education at the School (not provided from statutory funds as the Committee in consultation with the Governing body shall from time to time determine).
3. The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
4. The Association shall take out Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance to cover its meetings, activities, officers and Committee.
5. The Head Teacher shall be permanent President and will have the power of veto, in educational matters only. In the absence of the Head Teacher the Deputy Head Teacher shall act in his/her place.
6. Membership shall consist of all parents and/or Guardians of pupils attending the School and all Teachers together with past parents, grandparents, Friends of the School, ancillary Staff and Governors.

7. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the following Officers:

(1) Chairman, (2) Vice Chairman, (3) Treasurer, (4) Correspondence Secretary, (5) Publicity Secretary, (6) Vice Treasurer, together with six other Members of which at least one is a member of the Teaching Staff.

8. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting and the Officers shall be appointed by the Committee at the first Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting. The Governing Board shall be invited to send a non-voting representative to Committee Meetings for liaison purposes.

9. Five Members of the Committee shall constitute a Quorum, but there must be one Staff representative and one parent representative present at each Meeting.

10. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of four.

11. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees as it deems necessary and shall prescribe their function provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committee shall be reported to the Committee as soon as possible and provided further that no such Sub-Committee shall expend funds of the Association otherwise than in accordance with a budget agreed by the Committee.

12. Committee Meetings shall be held at least once each term.

13. The Annual general meeting will be held in September of each year. At the Annual General Meeting the chair shall be taken by the Chairman or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

14. Nominations shall be proposed and seconded by Members and should have the consent of the nominee. Nominations may be made at any time prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

15. The Committee may fill casual vacancies by co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

16. Two Auditors who are not members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the A. G. M. to audit the accounts and books of the Association.

17. Special General Meetings may be called at the written request of a minimum of 10 members.

18. Fourteen days notice shall be given of any Special General Meetings to all members of the Association.

19. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping account of all Income and Expenditure and shall present a Financial Report to all Committee Meetings, and shall present the Accounts duly audited for approval by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

20. Bank Accounts shall be operated in the name of the Association and withdrawals shall be made on the signature of any two of the Officers of the Association.

21. The financial year shall commence on - 1st of September.

22. Any matter not provided for in the Constitution and concerning the organisation and activities of the Association shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

23. No alteration to this Constitution may be made except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. No amendments or alterations shall be made without the prior written permission of the Charity Commission to Clauses 2, 23 & 24 and no alteration shall be made which could cause the Association to cease to be a charity in Law. Alterations to the Constitution shall receive the assent of two thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

24. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution presented at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. The resolution must have the assent of two thirds of those present and voting. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets remaining after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities. These assets shall not be distributed among the members of the Association but will be given to the School for the benefit of the children of the School, or in the event of a School closure to the School to which the majority of children of the closing School will go, in any manner which is exclusively charitable in law. If effect cannot be given to this provision, then the assets can be given to some other charitable purpose.