



**Ely Diocesan Board of Education
Foundation Governor Declaration**

School:	
Appointing Body:	
Term of Office:	

You have been or are about to be nominated to serve as a Foundation Governor at a Church School. Before you can be appointed, by the Diocesan Board of Education or PCC, you are asked to sign both the Foundation Declaration form (see below) and Legal Declaration form (see yellow List 99 Check form attached).

Foundation Governors are responsible for upholding the Foundation and Ethos of the School. The *Instrument of Government* of every Church of England School contains a common Ethos Statement:

“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 its offers to all its pupils.”

Nb. Some schools have added to this wording slightly

The school should also have a *Trust Deed* (though some have been lost in the mists of time) which describes the foundation character of the school.

- It is the particular responsibility of Foundation Governors to uphold the foundation character and ethos of the school as set out in these documents.

Foundation Declaration:
I undertake to uphold the Foundation character of the school as set out in its Trust Deed (if available) and Ethos Statement:

Signed: **Date:**

For Child Protection and legal reasons some people cannot be appointed as school governors. It is clearly essential that any appointed governor is the person he or she claims to be. You are asked therefore to **complete the List 99 Check Form** attached and **sign the legal declaration** contained therein and then **ask your priest or Head Teacher to sign and verify the official documentation seen**, as the *Diocese Representative*. When this form has been received, together with verification of your identity, your name will be checked by the Bishop’s Office against “List 99”, a list maintained by the DfES of people whose employment in schools has been barred or restricted. Your appointment as a foundation governor will be confirmed on receipt of this clearance.