

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be ' Chew Valley School Society'.
2. The object of the Association is to advance the education of 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 such facilities or items 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-party 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. Membership shall consist of all parents and/or carers of pupils attending the school and all Teachers.
 6. The management of the Association shall be vested in the Committee consisting of the following officers - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer as elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted at a later time.
 7. The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting.
 8. 4 of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 9. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as required.
 10. 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.
 11. Committee meetings shall be held at least once each term.
 12. The Annual General Meeting will be held no later than the end of Term 2. At the Annual General Meeting, the chair shall be taken by the Chairperson or in their absence the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary or Treasurer of the Committee.
 13. 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.
 14. The Committee may fill casual vacancies by co-option until the next Annual General Meeting.

15. One auditor or independent examiner reasonably considered by the Committee to be competent to examine the accounts, who is not a member of the Committee, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to audit or independently examine the accounts and books of the Association.
16. Special General Meetings may be called at the written request of a minimum of 50 members.
17. Twenty-one days' notice shall be given of any Special General Meeting to all members of the Association.
18. The Honorary 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 or independently examined for approval by members at the Annual General Meeting.
19. 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.
20. The financial year shall commence on 1 September with Annual accounts prepared to 31 August.
21. 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.
22. Annual Report - The Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 with regard to the preparation of an annual report, which may consist of the minutes of the AGM and its transmission to the Commissioners.
23. Annual Return - The Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993 with regard to the preparation of an annual return and its transmission to the Commissioners.
24. 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, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and no alteration shall be made which could cause the Association 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 AGM or SGM.
25. 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 the 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.