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EDUCATION, ENGLAND

**The Diocese of Chichester (Educational Endowments) (The
Pells Church of England Primary School) Order 2024**

Made - - - - 28th November 2024

Coming into force - - 29th November 2024

It has been shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State for Education (“the Secretary of State”) that the endowment of the educational foundation known as The Pells Church of England Primary School in the county of East Sussex (“the foundation”) is or has been held in connection with the provision of religious education in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England at a voluntary school, the premises of which have ceased to be used for the purposes of such a school.

The endowment is comprised in the deeds of the foundation being: (a) a deed dated 8th August 1896 and made between (1) Edmund White and James Adames and (2) The Incumbent and Churchwardens for the time being of the Benefice of St John Sub Castro Lewes and (b) a conveyance dated 25th November 1988 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council and (2) The Reverend Robert Mason Bell, The Reverend Peter John Jenner Markby, The Reverend Simon Paul Holland and The Reverend Anthony Talbot Hindley and (c) a transfer dated 29th November 2002 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council and (2) The Incumbents for the time being of the Benefices of St John Sub Castro Lewes, St John the Baptist Southover, St Michael All Saints and St Thomas Lewes, St Anne Lewes and St Michael South Malling being the then Trustees of The Pells Church of England Primary School Lewes.

The assets representing the said endowment of the foundation consist of: (a) £1,055,700 being the net proceeds of sale of the former school premises; (b) any overage payments received pursuant to an Overage Deed dated 10th January 2020 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council (2) The Incumbent and Churchwardens for the time being of the benefice of St John Sub Castro Lewes and (3) Raven Housing Trust Limited, all held on deposit by the Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (Incorporated) for the Trustees of The Pells Church of England Primary School Lewes; and (c) any income derived from those assets before the coming into force of this Order.

The present Trustees of The Pells Church of England Primary School Lewes are the Vicar and Churchwardens of the benefice of Trinity in Lewes.

Application for an order making new provision as to the use of the said endowment has been made to the Secretary of State by The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (Incorporated), which body appears to the Secretary of State to be the appropriate authority of the Church of England for the purpose.

Notice of the proposed Order and of the right of persons interested to make representations on it has been given in the manner required by section 555(2) and (3) of the Education Act 1996(a).

No representations have been made on the proposed order.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 554 and 556 of the Education Act 1996(b).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Diocese of Chichester (Educational Endowments) (The Pells Church of England Primary School) Order 2024 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made (“the operative date”).

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the deeds” means the deeds of the foundation dated 8th August 1896 and made between (1) Edmund White and James Adames and (2) The Incumbent and Churchwardens for the time being of the Benefice of St John Sub Castro Lewes and (b) a conveyance dated 25th November 1988 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council and (2) The Reverend Robert Mason Bell, The Reverend Peter John Jenner Markby, The Reverend Simon Paul Holland and The Reverend Anthony Talbot Hindley and (c) a transfer dated 29th November 2002 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council and (2) The Incumbents for the time being of the Benefices of St John Sub Castro Lewes, St John the Baptist Southover, St Michael All Saints and St Thomas Lewes, St Anne Lewes and St Michael South Malling being the Trustees of The Pells Church of England Primary School Lewes;

“the Diocesan Board” means The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (Incorporated);

“the endowment” means the endowment comprised in the deeds;

“the foundation” means the educational foundation known as The Pells Church of England Primary School;

“trust assets” means—

(a) the sum of £1,055,700 held on deposit by the Diocesan Board representing the endowment of the foundation being the net proceeds of sale of the former school premises;

(b) any overage payments received pursuant to an Overage Deed dated 10th January 2020 and made between (1) East Sussex County Council (2) The Incumbent and Churchwardens for the time being of the benefice of St John Sub Castro Lewes and (3) Raven Housing Trust Limited;

together with any income derived from those assets (whether before or after the operative date).

Division of foundation and trust assets

3.—(1) The trust assets must be divided into two separate trust funds, namely—

(a) The Pells Church of England Primary School Fund (“the School Fund”) comprising eleven-fourteenths of the trust assets; and

(a) 1996 c. 56.

(b) Sections 554 and 556 were amended by Schedule 30 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

(b) The Pells Church of England Primary School Religious Education Fund (“the Religious Education Fund”) comprising three-fourteenths of the trust assets.

(2) The apportionment of the trust assets required by virtue of this article must be made in every case, after payment of any expenses of administration in accordance with article 5(1).

Trustee and vesting

4.—(1) The Diocesan Board is appointed to be the trustee of—

- (a) the foundation;
- (b) the trust assets; and
- (c) the School Fund established by article 3(1)(a).

(2) The vicar and churchwardens of the Parish of Trinity in Lewes are hereby appointed to be the trustees of the Religious Education Fund established by article 3(1)(b).

(3) All funds belonging to or held in trust for the foundation immediately before the operative date must be transferred to the Diocesan Board and all acts necessary for that purpose must be done by any persons holding such funds.

Administration of foundation

5.—(1) After payment of any expenses of administration, the Diocesan Board must account for that proportion of the capital and income of the trust assets of the foundation which represents the Religious Education Fund, to the trustees of that fund.

(2) The trustees of the Religious Education Fund must apply the income, and may apply the capital, of that fund for educational purposes related to the Benefice and Parish of Trinity in Lewes in connection with the provision of religious education in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England by means of a Sunday School or otherwise.

(3) The Diocesan Board must hold the School Fund on the terms set out in the Schedule (being the uniform statutory trusts set out in Schedule 36 to the Education Act 1996(a)).

Consolidation

6. The School Fund must be consolidated with the fund known as the Diocese of Chichester Consolidated Educational Endowment Fund(b) and that consolidated fund must be known as the Diocese of Chichester Consolidated Educational Endowment Fund.

Consultation

7. The Diocesan Board must consult the Chichester Diocesan Board of Education with regard to the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on it by this Order.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

28th November 2024

Louise Whitesman
Deputy Director
Department for Education

(a) Schedule 36 was amended by paragraph 10 of Schedule 9 to the Education Act 2005 (c. 18).

(b) The trustee of the Diocese of Chichester Consolidated Educational Endowments Fund is the Diocesan Board. The assets of the Diocese of Chichester Consolidated Educational Endowments Fund are held on the uniform statutory trusts.

SCHEDULE

Article 5(3)

The Uniform Statutory Trusts

1. In this Schedule—

“the area” means the Diocese of Chichester;

“relevant school” means a voluntary school, a foundation school, an academy school, an alternative provision academy, a city technology college or a city college for the technology of the arts at which religious education in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England is or is to be provided; and

“relevant trust assets” means the School Fund.

2. The trustee may, after payment of any expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the trust, apply the capital and income of the relevant trust assets for any of the following purposes—

- (a) in or towards the purchase of a site for, or the erection, improvement or enlargement of, the premises of any relevant school in the area;
- (b) for the maintenance of any relevant school in the area;
- (c) in or towards the purchase of a site for, or the erection, improvement or enlargement of, the premises of a teacher’s house for use in connection with any relevant school in the area; and
- (d) for the maintenance of a teacher’s house for use in connection with any relevant school in the area.

3. The trustee may also, after payment of any expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the trust, apply the income of the relevant trust assets for any of the following purposes—

- (a) in or towards the provision of advice, guidance and resources (including materials) in connection with any matter related to the management of, or education provided at, any relevant school in the area;
- (b) the provision of services for the carrying out of any inspection of any relevant school in the area required by Part 1 of the Education Act 2005(a); and
- (c) to defray the cost of employing or engaging staff in connection with—
 - (i) the application of income of the relevant trust assets for either of the purposes referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above, or
 - (ii) the application of capital or income of the relevant trust assets for any of the purposes referred to in paragraph 2 above.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order appoints The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (Incorporated) as trustee of the foundation known as The Pells Church of England Primary School and makes new provision as to the use of that foundation. It creates a separate foundation for the purpose of providing religious education in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England within the Parish of Lewes. The Order provides for the Religious Education Fund to be held on trust by the vicar and churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Trinity in Lewes.

(a) 2005 c. 18.

The Order provides for the relevant trust assets to be consolidated with the fund known as the Diocese of Chichester Consolidated Educational Endowment Fund and held on the uniform statutory trusts as set out in the Schedule to the Order (being the uniform statutory trusts set out in Schedule 36 to the Education Act 1996) for the benefit of Church of England voluntary schools, foundation schools, academy schools, alternative provision academies, city technology colleges and city colleges for the technology of the arts in the Diocese of Chichester.