

Diocesan Board of Education & Askel Veur Trustee Role Description

Overall purpose

The Diocesan Board of Education is the board of Trustees, working in collaboration with Diocese Education Team that has the intention of being a significant partner for raising standards in schools throughout Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and to courageously advocate being distinctly Christian to the benefit of all the children in the Diocese of Truro.

Askel Veur is the standards and academies arm of the Truro Diocesan Board of Education. It is an Academies Umbrella Trust governed by a small non-executive Board. It does not directly run Academies, but does appoint and support the Members and Foundation Trustees of those Multi-Academy Trusts with whom it is involved.

Our mission is '*Discovering God's Kingdom and growing the church*'. We are committed to a child-centred and holistic vision of education, informed by but not driven only by data. We are a significant partner in school Improvement in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. We work directly with the 44 Church schools in the Diocese and increasingly with community schools, through Multi-Academy Trusts which include both church and community schools.

Trustees are responsible for oversight of the schools and academies within the Diocese of Truro, taking decisions that are in the best interest of the Diocese as a whole and are not representative of any one of the constituent schools or academies.

Askel Veur is a company limited by guarantee and registered as such at Companies House.

Main duties and responsibilities

1. To ensure that the activities of the Trust boards fulfil the objectives as described in the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Understanding.
2. To ensure compliance with the Trust's duties under company and charity law.
3. To safeguard the assets of the Trust.
4. To contribute to the overall strategic direction and development of the schools and academies through good governance and clear strategic planning.
5. To approve the Trust's strategic plan.
6. To challenge and support the *Executive* staff, school and academy leaders to achieve the good outcomes for all children across the Diocese.
7. To oversee the performance of the schools and academies and direct change where appropriate.
8. To ensure that risks are mitigated where possible and otherwise effectively managed.
9. To review the effectiveness and skill set of the Board and recommend appropriate changes to the Board of Members.