2014 No. 2631

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Diocese of Lichfield (Educational Endowments) (Wall Church of England School) Order 2014

Made - - - - 25th September 2014

Coming into force - - 1st October 2014

WHEREAS—

- (1) the endowment of the educational foundation known as Wall Church of England School in the county of Staffordshire ("the foundation"), comprised in a Deed dated 7 May 1867 and made between (1) Richard Croft Chawner, the Reverend Samuel Andrew and Fanny Singer Rowley and (2) the Minister and Chapelwardens of the Chapelry District of Wall, has been shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State for Education ("the Secretary of State") to be or to have 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;
- (2) the assets representing the said endowment of the foundation consist of £5,557 being the net proceeds of sale of the former school premises and teacher's house comprised in the said Deed dated 7 May 1867 and held in Treasury stock, stocks and shares and any income derived from those assets before the coming into force of this Order;
- (3) 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 Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education, which body appears to him to be the appropriate authority of the Church of England for the purpose;
- (4) 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);
 - (5) no representations have been made on the proposed order;
- (6) the said endowment consists of the proceeds of sale of land and property in relation to which a trust under section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987(b) has arisen and the Secretary of State is satisfied that all reasonably practicable steps to trace any person who is or may become entitled as a beneficiary under the trust have been taken and that consent to the making of an order under section 554 of the Education Act 1996 has been given by every person whose claim to be such a person is outstanding (within the meaning of the said Act of 1987) or which has at any time been accepted as valid by the trustees or by persons whose acceptance binds or will bind the trustees, or which has been upheld in proceedings that have been concluded (within the meaning of the said Act of 1987);

⁽a) 1996 c.56.

⁽b) 1987 c.15.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 554 and 556 of the Education Act 1996(a) makes the following Order—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Diocese of Lichfield (Educational Endowments) (Wall Church of England School) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 1st October 2014 ("the operative date").

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Diocesan Board" means the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education; and

"trust assets" means the sum of £5,557 invested in Treasury stock, stocks and shares representing the proceeds of sale of the premises of the Wall Church of England School and teacher's house, together with any income derived therefrom (whether before or after the operative date).

Extinguishment of rights under a Reverter of Sites Act trust

3. The rights of any person who is or may become entitled as a beneficiary under the trust which has arisen by virtue of section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 in respect of the trust assets are extinguished.

Division of foundation and trust assets

- **4.**—(1) The trust assets must be divided into two separate trust funds, namely—
- (a) the Wall Church of England School Fund comprising eleven-fourteenths of the trust assets; and
- (b) the Wall Church of England 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 6(1).

Trustee and vesting

- **5.**—(1) The Diocesan Board is appointed to be the trustee of—
- (a) the foundation;
- (b) the trust assets; and
- (c) the Wall Church of England School Fund established by article 4(1)(a).
- (2) The Principal Officiating Minister and Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Wall are appointed to be the trustees of the Wall Church of England Religious Education Fund established by article 4(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 shall be done by any persons holding such funds.

⁽a) Section 554 is amended by paragraph 168 of Schedule 30 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) and section 556 is amended by paragraph 169 of that Schedule.

Administration of foundation

- **6.**—(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 Wall Church of England Religious Education Fund to the trustees thereof.
- (2) The trustees of the Wall Church of England Religious Education Fund must apply the income, and may apply the capital, of that fund for educational purposes related to the Parish of Wall 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 shall hold the Wall Church of England School Fund on the uniform statutory trusts.
- (4) In this article "uniform statutory trusts" means the trusts set out in the Schedule to this Order (being the uniform statutory trusts set out in Schedule 36 to the Education Act 1996(a) as they apply in relation to the Wall Church of England School Fund).

Consolidation

7. The Wall Church of England School Fund must be consolidated with the Barchester Fund and that consolidated fund must be known as the Barchester Fund.

Sally Wiseman
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Department for Education

25th September 2014

SCHEDULE

Article 6(4)

The Uniform Statutory Trusts

1. In this Schedule—

"the area" means the Diocese of Lichfield;

"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 Wall Church of England School Fund.

- **2.** The trustees 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.

⁽a) 1996 c.56. Schedule 36 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 to the Education Act 2005 (c.18).

- **3.** The trustees 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 Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education as trustee of the foundation known as Wall Church of England School and makes new provision as to the use of the endowment of that foundation. It creates a separate trust fund for the purpose of providing religious education in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England within the Parish of Wall.

The Order extinguishes the rights of any beneficiary under the trust which has arisen under section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 in respect of the relevant trust assets therein mentioned.

The Order provides for the relevant trust assets to be consolidated with the fund known as the Barchester 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 as they apply to the relevant trust assets) for the benefit of Church of England voluntary schools, foundation schools, academy schools, alternative provision academies, city technology colleges or city colleges for the technology of the arts in the Diocese of Lichfield.

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⁽a) 2005 c.18.