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By the grace of God and favour of the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

DECREE ISSUING DIRECTIVES FOR THE GENERAL REGULATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

By virtue of Canon 806 of the Code of Canon Law the diocesan bishop has the authority to issue directives concerning the general regulation of all Catholic schools in his diocese.

Therefore, in virtue of canons 375, 391, 806 and any powers enabling me in that behalf; and having consulted those whose responsibility it is to advise on these matters;

I hereby issue the Directives appended hereto, which shall be promulgated by publication on the Diocesan Department for Education's website and come into force one month after the date of publication.

And it is further decreed that on the coming into force of the said Directives, all previous Diocesan Directives currently in force regulating Catholic schools are revoked and shall cease to have effect.

Given at Hexham and Newcastle, on this day 4 June 2026.

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Right Reverend Bishop Stephen Wright
Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

Peter Leighton

Very Reverend Canon Peter Leighton
Diocesan Chancellor