

Welcome to the School Strategy Board’s (SSB) first newsletter of this academic year and a very special welcome to those families who have recently joined Floreat Wandsworth for the first time. The governors are committed to improving their communication to parents and we hope that you will find these newsletters useful in keeping you up-to-date with the SSB’s recent work and some of the issues currently facing our school. This edition will focus on introducing you to how governance works at Floreat Wandsworth under GLF. Please note that the SSB was formerly known as the Local Advisory Committee in our school before joining GLF.

Our School Strategy Board

The SSB from September 2019 comprises:



Mills Brough (Chair)	Trust appointed
Mike Crowhurst	Trust appointed
Mr Custance	Headteacher
Shaheen Hirji	School Business Leader
Harriet Johnson (Vice Chair)	Parent elected
Cllr. Ian Lewer	Trust appointed
Alister Moses	GLF Education Partner
Chris Stirling	Parent elected

We thank Tom Salvesen, who stepped down after the Summer, for all his contributions and for his work as Vice Chair over the last academic year. We also welcome Harriet Johnson into her new role as Vice Chair.

Governance Structure

Floreat Wandsworth is part of GLF Schools, a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) made up of 41 Primary and Secondary schools. The governance structure of the trust had been developed to support both the culture of GLF Schools and the effective management of a growing organisation. GLF Schools recognises the individuality of each school and that each school has its own distinct character, culture and curriculum that is respectful of its community and context.

The GLF Trust Board is accountable to the Secretary of State for all schools within the MAT and responsible for compliance with government and funding requirements, company law and charity law. Whilst the Trust Board will always remain primarily accountable for their schools, each school within the MAT has a School Strategy Board (SSB) to provide the local governance function, to which the Trust Board delegates appropriate decision-making.

The Purpose of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB

The purpose and remit of the SSB is to:

- Provide strategic leadership and direction for the school, within the overall vision for the Trust
- Contribute to the remit of the SSB to oversee educational and financial performance of the school and to ensure pupil and staff well-being
- Participate in stimulating excellent, well-rounded and carefully considered challenge and strategic decision-making
- Engage with the school community and the wider community
- Develop good working relationships with colleagues on the SSB to facilitate effective communication and decision-making
- Focus on the school’s key priorities and help support it on its journey to becoming a full school in 2021 under GLF

The Trustees and the SSB, together with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team, are accountable for the leadership and management of the school. Governors act as 'critical friends' to the school and make strategic decisions as a group, whilst the operational management of the schools remains the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team.

Who are we?

To find out more about the volunteer parent and community members of the SSB and our backgrounds, please look at the governance section of our school website where you will find a profile for each of us.

What do we do?

Governors work co-operatively with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team in approving and monitoring the School Development Plan (SDP). The SDP is based on priorities identified from school data, school self-evaluation and Ofsted priorities, and considers feedback from the pupils, staff and families.

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The SSB members discharge their duties through: twice termly board meetings, school monitoring visits and contributing to other working groups and committees within The Trust. Members also attend training to improve understanding of their role and to keep up-to-date in the ever-changing educational world. The school visits are excellent opportunities for governors to be able to work closely with staff members across the school and are invaluable in helping us to understand how the school supports children's learning.

The work of the SSB this term

Following our first meeting of the academic year, the SSB are committed to continual improvement and some of the areas we will be focusing on this term are:

- Monitoring the progress of the school's self-evaluation and the School Development Plan
- Data analysis for the progress and attainment of all pupils in the school
- Continued strategic oversight of the finances
- Monitoring school compliance
- Supporting the school with its transition to GLF

We look forward to sharing the impact of our work with you shortly.

The governors can always be contacted at governors@wandsworth.floreat.org.uk or through the School Office, but for operational feedback please do go through the school channels.

We wish you all a fantastic year at Floreat Wandsworth and we look forward to meeting you at school events and to watching your children flourish when we visit the school.

