

Dear Floreat Wandsworth Families

I am writing to you on behalf of the governors to reflect on another wonderful year at Floreat Wandsworth. Our Governors' Local Advisory Committee (LAC), under the strong leadership of Paul White as Chair, has worked hard with Mr Custance, his Senior Leadership Team and the entire staff team to ensure that every child at Floreat Wandsworth flourishes.

Paul has decided, due to increasing work commitments, to step down from the LAC and his role of Chair of Governors. On behalf of the Governors, I'm sure you will join me in thanking Paul for his considerable input since joining the LAC when the school opened in 2015 and since taking on the role of Chair in September 2016. He has been dedicated in his work with the School and with the Floreat Trust Team over the last three years and we are delighted that we will still be able to draw on his expertise if needed, as his children move through the school.

I have been part of the LAC (formerly known as the Local Governing Body) since the School opened, and I have been the Vice Chair since September 2016. Following the Floreat Education Academies Trust (FEAT) Board meeting yesterday, I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as the new Chair of Governors of the LAC. I will be ably assisted by Tom Salvesen, who the FEAT Board has appointed as a new LAC governor and also as the new Vice Chair of Governors. Together, we look forward to continuing to strengthen the work Paul has carried out to date.

Floreat Wandsworth Flourishing

In light of our recent Ofsted report, this is a time to celebrate and reflect upon what we have achieved together, and to embark on our journey ahead to continue to improve the provision for all pupils.

To be judged *good with outstanding features*, is richly deserved by the whole staff team, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating all involved; there is so much to be proud of.

It is truly wonderful to read that "pupils' personal development is outstanding" and "the behaviour of pupils is outstanding," and that "pupils want to learn." The Governors would like to thank all our children for their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour this year. They are a real credit to the school, to the parents and to the teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted parental survey online. The Inspection team greatly appreciated the number of parents who had taken the time to write open comments at the end of their surveys, and they found the information given most helpful. The report states that "there is a strong strength of community," where there is a "real partnership between school and home." The contribution parents and carers regularly make really does make our School truly special.

Once again, the Governors are amazed by the work of the Friends of Floreat Wandsworth (FOFW) parent group and all they do to contribute to our school community. On behalf of the LAC, I would like to thank FOFW for their continued fundraising efforts and also for all that they do every day to continue to develop the wonderful Floreat Wandsworth community. The Governors would also like to thank those who have been involved in establishing our wonderful community gardens and we are delighted to share that Wandsworth Council has extended our lease of the Community Garden land by a further five years.

Thank you to all of those families who took the time to contribute to the recent post-it-note activity that we set up at the Parents' Evenings. This feedback will be analysed at our next meeting in September and will be instrumental in ensuring that we move forward with a shared vision, where the viewpoints of all are carefully considered.

The quality of teaching and pupil progress, particularly in Maths, English and Phonics has continued to improve this year and is strongly evidenced by the school's data and external assessment arrangements. Further details will be shared early next term, but we must celebrate the Year One Phonics Screening results and the Year Two Key Stage 1 SATs results.

Sport and PE at the school have gone from strength to strength this year under Mr Gallagher and Mr Marus and the excellent provision from AM Sports Academy. Year Two children have been involved in fixtures against other schools and there are great developments to the PE programme planned for next year and beyond.

The Future

Looking forward, it is pleasing to note the Inspectors' observations that "leaders and staff are ambitious" for our school and that we "have a clear vision for the curriculum." The report identifies steps that we can take to make improvements. It is reassuring that these areas for further development had already been identified by the team and work is already in hand to address these. The Governors will be working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that the areas for development are acted on quickly and effectively, with the correct level of scrutiny, to ensure the best outcomes for all of our pupils, in all areas of the curriculum.

I hope you will all find, as I do, much reassurance in the Ofsted report that we have created the foundations of a truly great school, and encouragement that we have built a great platform from which to further improve.

School Governance

Effective school governance is pivotal to the success of any school. As terms of office come to an end, we will be reviewing our individual skills audits when recruiting new governors to ensure that there is a balance of skills and knowledge to best support the work that we do in supporting and challenging the school. As part of our recruitment process, we will be looking to elect two new parent governors to the LAC. I am moving from being a parent governor to the position of a FEAT appointed governor. Annabel Dunlop, will be standing down due to a move abroad for her and her family in the coming months, but we are most fortunate that we can have a period of handover, where Annabel can support the incoming parent governors by staying on as an Associate Governor until she leaves. On behalf of the LAC, I would like to thank Annabel for her strong input over the last three years, especially towards pupil, family and staff flourishing.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor you can find further information and an online application form at <http://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/LAC-Parent-Governor-Application-Form>. Hard copies of this information and the form can also be obtained from the School Office. Nominations are open to all existing parents with children in the school and to those joining us in September. Nominations need to be received by Wednesday 12th September to allow for the process of election and appointment to take place in time for our next meeting on 26th September at 7.30am.

Communication

We are aware that there is more to do to improve communication between the school, parents and the wider community. This will start with my intention to set up a more regular method of feeding back the work of the LAC to all stakeholders. Please do continue to feedback to the School on all matters directly or through the feedback box in the office, as this is instrumental to ensuring that a strong partnership between School and home continues.

Staffing

We thank our entire staff team for their commitment and hard work this year. We bid farewell to some members of staff who are moving on, and we thank them all for their service and wish them well in their future teaching careers.

We start next year with a strong, dedicated team of staff in place. We congratulate Mrs Fry on being promoted to Assistant Headteacher for Year 1, (working alongside Miss Goodrem, who is Assistant Headteacher for the Foundation Stage and Ms Burke who will be Assistant Headteacher for Years 2 and 3).

We will be joined by new children, and all members of the Floreat community will continue to work together to ensure the very best opportunities for every child at the school.

I thank you for your continued support this year and I wish you and your children a wonderful summer break.

Warm wishes

Mills Brough
Chair of Governors