

Dear Families,

On behalf of all of the governors at Floreat Wandsworth, a very warm welcome to all parents and carers who are new to the school this term, and welcome back to all existing parents and carers. I hope that the start to the Autumn term has been a calm and happy one for your children so far, and that those who were new in September have now settled in comfortably.

By way of introduction to the governors at Floreat Wandsworth, we constitute a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) who work in partnership with Mr Custance and with the Floreat Education Academies Trust (FEAT). FEAT is the academies trust overseeing our school as well as several others with a centralized executive team (and a central Board). As the LAC for Floreat Wandsworth in particular, myself and my fellow governors both scrutinize and support the school leadership team at our school on behalf of the FEAT Board. We regularly visit the school and meet with Mr Custance and his team, as well as holding LAC meetings ourselves and reporting regularly to FEAT. Further information on the way this structure works in practice can be found on the governance section of the school website.

As part of delivering our role effectively, we have assigned 'Link' governor responsibilities to individual governors, focusing on specific strategic and curriculum areas (such as Safeguarding, SEND and Inclusion, or Finance). Our Link roles are to be a 'critical' friend and to monitor school activity and policies in those specific areas. A full list of current LAC governors and their Link areas can also be found on the school website.

This year, the Floreat Wandsworth LAC have also decided to further assign governors to work closely with each particular cohort of staff and pupils, to ensure that the governors are fully immersed with issues at the level of the children. We believe that bringing these focused insights together should give us a more rounded global view of the life of the school. Initial year group assignments are as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Laura Farris
Reception	Mrs Camilla Brough
Year One	Mrs Annabel Dunlop
Year Two	Mr Paul White

These governors are very much looking forward to getting to know their year groups better.

I do hope you are already appreciating our most important principle: at Floreat Wandsworth governors, staff, pupils and families work as a collaborative team in a happy and caring environment built on trust, where the children and their achievements and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the year, we will ensure that there are opportunities for the governors to receive feedback from the pupils, staff and families of Floreat Wandsworth, but of course this is no substitute for the most important open dialogue: between families and the school through your child's class teacher.

I hope to meet many of you soon in the playground or at upcoming meetings and events held in school.

Yours sincerely,

Paul White
Chair of Governors
Floreat Wandsworth Local Advisory Committee