

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As another school year draws to a close, we can reflect that Floreat Wandsworth is lucky to enjoy many of the elements that make a successful school, where every child and family can flourish.

This has been the first 'normal' year since the 2018-2019 academic year, where there has been the opportunity for all pupils and staff to be in school for the whole academic year. While COVID is still causing disruptions, there has been a huge focus on ensuring the children have the school experience they deserve. Alongside this, the school team must be congratulated for recently being awarded the School of Character Kitemark, which really validates the emphasis that Floreat Wandsworth gives to the importance of character education.

The work of the School Standard Board (SSB) since January

The SSB is committed to continual improvement and some of the areas we have been focusing on over the last two terms are:

- Monitoring the quality of education for all pupils in all areas of the curriculum
This monitoring has been triangulated with meetings held in conjunction with our Link Advisor from Wandsworth and with our Education partner at GLF.
- The focus has been on the learning provision and on the curriculum and opportunities for cross curricular work to ensure that all areas of the curriculum remain a focus
- Monitoring progress against the schools' Self Evaluation Form and Development Plan (SEFDP) and evidence to support judgements
- Monitoring school compliance, including Safeguarding and the use of Pupil Premium and Sport & PE Premium funding
- Monitoring attendance and monitoring behaviour including exclusions
- Monitoring pupil and staff wellbeing initiatives
- Capturing pupil and staff voice
- Sustainability, including pupil numbers and enhancing the benefits that being part of GLF Schools brings

It would be remiss not to mention that 2022 brings many challenges to schools, with rising costs and tight budgets. The SSB has worked closely and proactively with the school and the central Trust to ensure that the school can manage these pressures without compromising our focus on the pupils and the high standard of education they are entitled to. The decision to convert the current Year 2 and Year 4 year groups to single forms in each group in September was discussed at length, and as we already do across all year groups, these year groups and their educational outcomes will continue to be monitored closely. Please be assured that Floreat Wandsworth, ably assisted by the SSB and the Trust, will remain constant

in their resolve to offer the best provision possible to every pupil. The partnership we have with parents and carers is crucial to the success of the school and therefore it is important that we continue to work together with openness.

Annual Parent Survey Results and Parent Feedback

Thank you to all of you who responded to the annual parent survey at the end of the Spring term. Your feedback is invaluable and complements the feedback we receive via our regular contact with you in person and via email.

The SSB members very much enjoyed meeting some of you at our last coffee morning and we hope to repeat this soon.

Strengths of Floreat Wandsworth

The majority of Floreat Wandsworth parents describe the school as a happy, friendly environment with high standards and clear values, and there is a clear sense of what most parents regard as the primary strengths of the school. The most common responses were:

- Leadership and staff who demonstrate care and enthusiasm, and who encourage ambition.
- Parents are clear about what their child will be learning through the detailed half termly curriculum overviews that are shared.
- The strong emphasis on character and values which is incorporated into all aspects of school life. We were delighted to receive some direct feedback from some secondary schools about how our pupils conducted themselves during school interviews, where this was very much noted as a strength.
- A clear appreciation of the opportunity to be shown round the school by your own child. A huge number of positive emails were received following this event, and it is clear that these experiences are hugely beneficial and valued.

We received 89 responses to our survey, which allows us to identify some key trends, but we are also keen to ensure that we collect data that is representative of the whole school community, and we will continue to focus on providing as many opportunities as possible to ensure this. Here is a summary of the results:

Statement	Strongly Agreed or Agreed
My child is happy at Floreat Wandsworth	95% (Don't know 0%)
My child feels safe at Floreat Wandsworth	95% (Don't know 0%)
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	87% (Don't know 2%)
The school deals effectively with bullying.	37% (Don't know 45%)
I find it easy to approach the school about any concerns I may have.	88% (Don't know 1%)
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	59% (Don't know 1% and 23% have not had to raise any concerns)
The school is well led and managed.	89 % (Don't know 2%)
The school communicates effectively with parents.	87 % (Don't know 0%)
The school has a clear vision for its pupils.	85% (Don't now 12%)
The school has high expectations for my child.	80% (Don't know 12%)
The teaching and learning provision at Floreat Wandsworth is tailored to my child's individual needs.	68% (Don't know 9%)

Statement	Strongly Agreed or Agreed
My child is making good progress at Floreat Wandsworth.	88% (Don't know 3%)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98% (Don't know 0%)
I feel confident supporting my child's learning at home.	87% (Don't know 2%)
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Floreat Wandsworth.	79% (Don't know 5%)
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	78% (Don't know 11%)
Floreat Wandsworth is an inclusive school that promotes equality and celebrates diversity.	84% (Don't know 8%)
I would recommend Floreat Wandsworth to another parent.	86% (Don't know 10%)

Areas for Improvement

Responses to each question and individual comments have been carefully reviewed by the Leadership Team and at our recent SSB meetings. This along with individual feedback that the school continually receives has led to us identifying the following areas to continue to consider for our School Improvement Plan next year:

- There were often around 10% of respondents who answered that they didn't know to some questions, which has highlighted the need for the school to continue to share what is happening in school through newsletters and inviting parents into the school. We are truly fortunate to have such an engaged parental body and we recognise the need to continue to develop this through continually finding ways to share our curriculum and the opportunities your child has with you.
- The school will focus on ensuring that everyone is aware of the work we do to counter any bullying types of behaviour, through policies and procedures and also through preventative curriculum work. A great deal of work has taken place this year to ensure that the Behaviour Policy works in practice for every area of the school, as we are now a school with pupils from Nursery to Year Six, as it is crucial that the policy and procedures reflect the needs of children as they progress through the school.
- It is clear that the majority of parents are happy with the many aspects of school life surveyed. The school is aware, however, that even more staff professional development needs to be completed to ensure that the learning is tailored to the individual needs of every child. This will be part of the School Improvement Plan for 2022-23. There will also be a focus on the quality of education within the wider areas of the curriculum with a focus on sharing what has been done in subjects such as Spanish, Music, ICT and Art.

This process of constant review and improvement work is helped enormously by your feedback, for which we are truly grateful. To be truly representative of our whole school community, we would like to urge as many of you as possible to take up these opportunities to provide feedback, through surveys, individually or through attending events in school, so that we can take into account everyone's views when we review and improve our educational offer.

Community

Parents also celebrate the inclusive and collaborative community surrounding the school. Nowhere is this better exemplified than by the Friends of Floreat Wandsworth (FOFW). The return of the wonderful events organised by FOFW and their fundraising achievements for the school are simply amazing. I know I speak for the school team and my fellow SSB members in thanking FOFW for their tremendous efforts,

not only in fundraising, but more importantly in their efforts to ensure that the strong community feel of the school has been truly re-established after a difficult few years.

I would also like to thank the entire staff team for their dedication and efforts this year. Remaining ambitious for the children, while also ensuring that any gaps in learning are addressed is no mean feat and the teaching team have truly worked tirelessly to ensure that this happens, while also maintaining a creative and fun approach that the children so richly deserve.

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 careers. We also bid farewell to our first Year 6 cohort, some of whom have been with us since the school opened in 2015. We are all so proud of everything that they have achieved during their time at Floreat Wandsworth and we wish them the best of luck and every happiness as they move onto their Senior schools.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, do get in touch with the school. We are a strong school community and we eagerly look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, with the excitement of new pupils joining the school to experience what is truly special about Floreat Wandsworth. Until then, on behalf of all the governors, we thank you for your continued support this year and we wish you all a safe and happy summer with your families and loved ones.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Camilla Brough'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial 'C'.

Mills Brough
Chair of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB