

Welcome to the School Standards Board’s (SSB) first newsletter of this academic year and a very special welcome to those families who have joined Floreat Wandsworth this term. This newsletter will serve to outline how the governance structure at Floreat Wandsworth works and bring you up to date on our current work.

Governance Structure at Floreat Wandsworth

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.

The GLF Trust Board is accountable to the Secretary of State for all schools within the MAT. Whilst the Trust Board will always remain primarily accountable for their schools, each school within the MAT has a School Standards Board (SSB) to provide the local governance function, to which the Trust Board delegates appropriate decision-making and monitoring on its behalf.

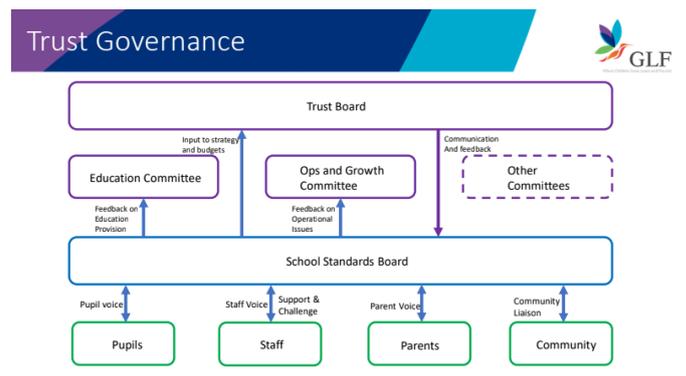
Our School Standards Board

Each of GLF’s SSBs have up to 8 local governors:

- Two parents of pupils at the school (to be elected by the parents of registered pupils at the school)
- The Headteacher of the school
- Between three and five community members, Trust appointed or co-opted by the SSB according to current good practice guidelines, including assessment of skills and competencies needed and with regard to ensuring diversity

The current Floreat Wandsworth SSB comprises:

Mills Brough (Chair)	Trust appointed
Mr Custance	Headteacher
Harriet Johnson (Vice Chair)	Co-opted
Cllr. Ian Lewer	Trust appointed
Chris Stirling	Parent elected



We are also joined in our meetings by Ms Hirji, our School Business Manager and by Tim Rogers, who is our Education Partner from the GLF Central Team. Harriet Johnson (a parent elected governor) was co-opted to our SSB as a community member at our recent meeting, and we will therefore be looking to recruit one more parent governor to our team.

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 performance of the school and to ensure pupil and staff well-being
- Participate in challenging conversations and strategic decision-making
- Engage with the school community and the wider community
- Focus on the school’s key priorities and help support it on its journey to becoming a full school in 2021

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 and what do we do?

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.

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



The SSB members discharge their duties through: twice termly 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

Like many others, we have moved online for our work to ensure that we can continue to carry out our roles. 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 quality of education for all pupils following their return to school and the plans in place should any further remote learning be required
- Data analysis for the progress and attainment of all pupils in the school
- Monitoring school compliance
- Monitoring pupil and staff wellbeing initiatives
- Sustainability, including pupil numbers, preparation for secondary transfer and enhancing the benefits that being part of GLF Schools brings

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

The Floreat Wandsworth Community

It would be remiss not to mention the unbelievable times we have all found ourselves in since March of this year, which we very much reflected on in our end of year letter. We wanted to thank you all for working with the school as it re-opened its doors to all in September and for the support you have shown the team. As governors, we are able to see the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that our school is safe and we would like to publicly thank the entire staff for their commitment this year and for working so hard to ensure that things are as normal as they can be for the children. To see happy, engaged children filling the school again is such a wonderful sight.

We wish you all a fantastic year at Floreat Wandsworth and we look forward to meeting you in person when restrictions are eased and to watching your children flourish when we are able to visit the school in person.

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.

Further information on GLF governance arrangements can be found at www.glfschools.org.