

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that the Autumn term has been a calm and happy one for your children, and that those who were new in September have adjusted well to school life.

I hope everyone has taken the time to read the hugely successful Ofsted [report](#), where the overall judgement of good was upheld, with the inspector commenting that “the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out now.” This report is a real testimony to the great work that the teachers and parents of Floreat Wandsworth are doing.

The school’s next inspection will be a graded inspection. You will have seen in the news that there is a move to reduce the number of schools rated “outstanding”, with only 15% of the 16,784 primary schools across England now graded outstanding. The board will continue to work closely with the leadership team to ensure Floreat presents its best self.

The School Standards Board

Floreat Wandsworth is part of the GLF Schools Trust together with 34 other primary schools and seven secondary schools; and to support the work of the Trust Board, each school has a School Standards Board (SSB) to serve as a local governing body of the Trust. The SSB consists of between five and seven people plus the Headteacher, and has the following core responsibilities:

1. strategic oversight of the education provision of the school;
2. strategic oversight of compliance of the school with Trust policies; and
3. supporting the Trust Board to ensure good governance across the Trust.

There have been some changes to Floreat Wandsworth’s SSB membership recently and we thought it was important that we share those with you. We’ve recently appointed two new community governors and, after eight years of membership and having left London in 2020, Mills Bourgh has stepped down as the Chair of the board and is no longer part of the SSB.

“I have been a governor since the school opened in 2015. Stepping down was not an easy decision for me, but having left London over 2 years ago it was right for me personally and more importantly it was the right decision for the school. Floreat Wandsworth is in excellent shape, as recognised by the recent Ofsted report. This is due to the ambition, talent and hard work of Mr Custance and his team and to the dedication of the governors. I know that Deon and the other board members will continue to offer support and challenge in equal measure, and I look forward to following the onward journey of this incredible school, with its wonderful pupils, staff and families who are all equally matched in their ambition.”

Please do have a look on our website in the about us, governance section to read each board member's personal profile.

How the SSB works

We hold termly board meetings with the Headteacher, visit the school regularly and speak with teachers and pupils to garner insight. We work together to ensure good governance at Floreat but each Board member also has a particular focus

The SSB will continue with the following membership with focus areas as follows:

- Deon Boakye, Chair (interim) - leadership and management
- Shama Sarwar, Vice Chair (interim) - quality education
- Fiona Campbell, parent governor - inclusion and SEN
- Zoë Jensen, community governor - pupil premium
- Jessica Bohndiek, community governor - early years

I do hope however 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 next year we will ensure that there are opportunities for the board to receive feedback from the pupils, staff and families of Floreat Wandsworth on all aspects of the schools, but of course this is no substitute for the most important open dialogue which is between families and the school through your child's class teacher. We encourage you to direct all operational day to day feedback to the teachers that know your child(ren) and then a member of the Senior Leadership team, who can be found daily in the playground at drop off and pick up or by emailing office@wandsworth.floreat.org.uk.

I hope to meet many of you soon in the playground or at upcoming meetings or events, until then have a lovely break. I wish you all a great 2023/24 at our wonderful school.

Deon Boakye, Chair of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB

Shama Sarwar, Vice Chair (interim) of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB