

Monday 19th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start to reach the end of this school year, I wanted to get in touch and reflect on the year we have had. Obviously, children, staff and parents have continued to face unusual and challenging situations this year. The pupils started back at our school in September, some having only spent two days in school since the previous March, and children and teachers were working in class bubbles. In January we began another lockdown and home learning began again, before returning to school again in March this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you for all that you did in supporting your children with remote learning during the Spring term. I appreciate that it was not easy and many of you were doing this whilst also trying to continue with your own workloads.

I hope you will also join me in recognising the effort, dedication and professionalism of the staff team who have worked hard to ensure that every child had access to the curriculum, additional support and input according to their individual needs, both during remote learning and since the pupils have all returned to school.

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

Like many others, we have continued to carry out much of our work online to ensure that we can continue to carry out our key roles as governors. A central part of our role is monitoring standards and compliance, so we have continued to keep in touch with the school team by holding our monitoring visits remotely, and more recently in person where this has been possible.

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

- Monitoring progress against the schools' Self Evaluation Form and Development Plan (SEFDP) and reviewing evidence to support judgements
- Monitoring the quality of education for all pupils following their return to school
This monitoring has been triangulated with meetings held in conjunction with our Link Advisor from Wandsworth Council's School Improvement Team and with our Education Partner at GLF. The school has been engaged in a system of strategic SEFDP work alongside the SSB, GLF Education Partner & other GLF Schools, which has recently included a highly positive School Effectiveness Review, which was recently carried out by a central GLF team.
- The focus has been on the learning provision and on re-engaging the children back into school. Data analysis for the progress and attainment of all pupils in the school has been conducted to review progress and areas for focus, with a curriculum that allows each pupil to make the maximum progress possible on an individual basis.
- Monitoring school compliance, including Safeguarding, SEN provision and the use of Pupil Premium and Sport & PE Premium funding
- Monitoring attendance and behaviour, including exclusions
- Monitoring pupil and staff wellbeing initiatives
- Capturing pupil and staff voice
It is crucial to ensure there are opportunities to understand what it is like to be a pupil or a member of staff in our school. Feedback from these sessions can provide powerful starting points for discussion and review, and ensure we are focussed in our strategic work. Although, we have reviewed the school's parent surveys, we are also currently discussing how to increase our SSB levels of engagement with parents and carers
- Sustainability, including pupil numbers and enhancing the benefits that being part of GLF Schools brings

Update on our School Standards Board

Christopher Stirling is coming to the end of this three year term of office as a parent elected Governor. I would like to thank Chris for his valuable contributions and time over the last three years.

We have recently carried out our own self-review as a board, including completing a Skills audit so that these findings can inform our own training programme and recruitment strategy going forwards. I am delighted to announce that Deon Boakye has been co-opted as a Community Governor to strengthen our SSB.

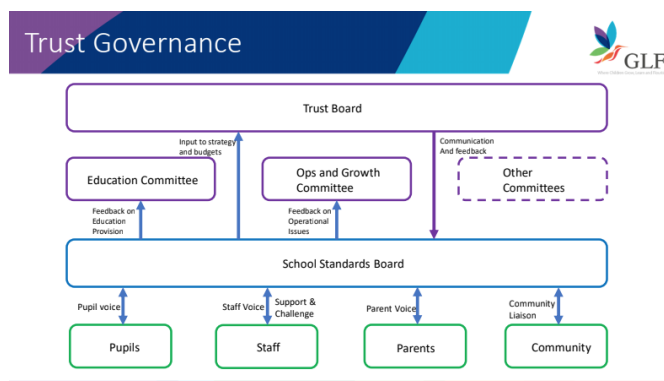
In September we will hold elections to find a new Parent Governor to join our SSB. Becoming a governor gives you the opportunity to develop your own personal skills, gives you access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters, a sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential and plenty of support and guidance from fellow governors. We will send out further information on how the election process will run in September, as this will allow parents of new pupils to apply too.

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:

Deon Boakye	Co-opted
Mills Brough (Chair)	Co-opted
Mr Custance	Headteacher
Harriet Johnson (Vice Chair)	Co-opted
Cllr. Ian Lewer	Co-opted
Shama Sarwar	Parent elected
Chris Stirling	Parent elected



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.

It is highly likely that we will continue to see changes next term as we respond to updates from the government, but Floreat Wandsworth, ably assisted by the Trust, will remain constant in their resolve to offer the best provision possible to ensure that our children and their families are getting the support that they need. We are not perfect, and there will no doubt be some challenges in the autumn as we hopefully continue to return to more normality, but by moving forward in partnership we can work to ensure the best possible outcomes for every pupil.

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.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, do get in touch with the school. We are a strong school community and we truly look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, when we will be a full school with pupils from Nursery all the way up to Year 6, which is a milestone that we must celebrate. 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,

Camilla Brough

Mills Brough
Chair of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB