

## Fen Ditton Community Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB) Update – September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Fen Ditton for many of you, and welcome to our new parents – so good to have you as part of our school community. I just want to take this opportunity to say hello and share news from the Governors as we start the new Academic year.

### **Governor Matters**

Our first LGB meeting of the year is next Monday (20<sup>th</sup>). It has become our habit to send a brief update out after each LGB meeting highlighting what was discussed. We also publish minutes of our meetings, and these can be found on the Governor page of the school website.

We enter this new Academic year with a full compliment of Governors. We are however looking to recruit a couple of Parents who will serve as Associate Governors – attending meetings and learning the ropes, but without carrying extra responsibilities and without being able to vote. It is a good way to begin to understand the role. From my own experience, and that of many I have served with, it tends to take a good 6-12 months to get a handle on the role and understand the terminology and function of the LGB. This Associate role is a really helpful way in and a good training ground. We are aware that a couple of our Parent Governors are moving towards the end of their terms of office and so we want to prepare well for handing over.

It has become increasingly apparent that as a LGB we are not as representative of our school community as we would like. I was struck when I attended the new Parents evening back in June of the significant proportion for whom English isn't their first language – we would love to have representation on our LGB to help us be more effective in serving our school community.

If you would like to talk about the role of Associate Governor, please get in touch with me by email or phone, or via the school office, and I can arrange to meet you at your convenience.

### **Parent Forum**

You will find attached to this update notes of our last Parent Forum when we had a focus on E-Safety. I would really encourage all parents to access the National Online Safety (NOS) website – it is really important. Mrs Nicholls is waiting on NOS to get back to her with details she requires, and once she has that the school will issue instructions on how to access the webinars and to do it in such a way that this will register credits for Fen Ditton School, which will enable us to maintain or even improve our award from them (currently we have received the Bronze award).

As always, if there is anything I can help with, or you wish to contact me about anything, my details are below. There will be a further update in a couple of weeks.

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Chair of Governors (on behalf of the LGB)

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