

## Fen Ditton Community Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB) Update – October 2022

Dear Parents,

It has taken a little longer to get this update to you than I had originally planned, but in the delay, it does allow me to provide an update after our first two meetings of this Academic year.

To all new parents at Fen Ditton, welcome to you. The Governing Body are thrilled that you have chosen Fen Ditton and we hope you and your children will be very happy during your time with us.

### **Governor Matters**

As mentioned, we have had two meetings so far this year – the first a full meeting, and the second an opportunity to review the Academy Improvement Plan for the year and agree how we as a Governing Body will monitor the progress of delivering this. We also spent a bit of time thinking about how we will build on the work done last year regarding the vision for the school for the next 3-5 years – more on that a little later.

The cycle of Governors finishing, and recruiting new Governors continues. We have been very fortunate in the recruitment process over the summer and have been able to welcome two new Trust Appointed Governors to join our LGB team. Firstly, Lyndsay Davies, a resident in Horningsea and secondly, Paula Bishop, a resident of Fen Ditton. For more info about them, have a look at the Governor Page on the website (probably leave it until after half term to make sure it has been updated), and their Bio's will appear there.

As I mentioned at the end of last year, two of our Parent Governors have finished their terms and we wish to put on record our thanks to them for the 4 years they have served – Steve Dawson and Layla Skinns. Layla, as our Safeguarding governor for the past few years, has agreed to stay with us until Christmas to enable a hand over.

We therefore have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, and we are thrilled to report that Miriam Ferrer has been appointed, having served for a year as an Associate Governor, joining Chris Lindley as a Parent Governor.

As a result of changes to the structure of the LGB introduced by Anglian Learning, Miss Clough is also stepping down as a Staff Governor, leaving Mrs Tabram as the remaining Staff Governor. Again, we wish to put on record our thanks to Miss Clough – we are very aware that on meeting nights staff are often still at school well after 8pm (even though our meetings are quite efficient and don't run on, I hasten to add!!), so it does make for long days for them.

We do still have one vacancy and we can have another Associate Governor, so if there are any parents who would be interested in joining the Governing Body, do get in touch and I'd love the opportunity to chat about our work and role. You can get hold of me by email or phone, or via the school office, and I will arrange to meet you at your convenience.

For the sake of all concerned, here then is our current LGB: -

Trust Appointed Governors: Stuart Wood (Chair), Liz Harrison (Vice-Chair), Simon Wall, Henry James, Xav Castelino, Lindsay Davies, Paula Bishop

Parent Governors: Chris Lindley, Miriam Ferrer

Staff Governors: Mr Askew (Head), Mrs Tabram

Clerk: Stuart Hales

### **Parent Forum**

We are planning a Parent Forum for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm. We are yet to finally decide whether to hold this online or in-person, and what the exact agenda for the evening will be – there are a number of matters we wish to address and we need to figure out the best use of your time and ours and what needs to be covered this time.

### **School Vision**

One of the things I highlighted earlier is that during the past year we have done some work as a LGB on the School's vision for the next 3-5 years. This work has included engaging with stakeholders – parents, pupils, staff, Anglian Learning Trust and the local community to establish our strengths and weaknesses. We will now start to take these results and develop where we think the school needs to be heading over the next few years. This next stage will also require consultation and input from the stakeholders – it is our hope to have this finalised by the end of this Academic year. Parental input will be really important for us on this journey. Watch out for more information over the coming weeks.

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 towards the end of Term.

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Chair of Governors (on behalf of the LGB)

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