



ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

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Precis of Full Governing Board (FGB) Meeting 6th March 2025

The Full Governing Board (FGB) met at Alderley Edge Community Primary School on 6th March 2025. This is a summary of the salient points. The minutes will be available on the school website after they are approved at the next FGB on 3rd July.

Apart from the regular items of governance at this time of year, two important items for review at this meeting were i) the excellent report from the Ofsted inspection just before Christmas, and ii) our progress in relation to Academisation. The governors expressed their appreciation to the Headteacher and staff for their continued outstanding work in providing an environment and education that brings out the best in the children and enables them to develop into responsible, mature and well-rounded citizens. These points were noted by the Ofsted inspector – and others were discussed when Mrs Walsh presented the school's Ofsted Action Plan which is now being incorporated into the School Improvement Plan.

In relation to Academisation, following the end of the consultation period and meeting for staff and parents with members of the Halliard Trust at the end of January, the Board agreed to continue the due diligence process regarding joining this multi-academy trust and communicate progress to the school community.

At this time of year, financial matters are a focus and the draft annual school budget for the following school year (2025-2026) is approved. The budget is being managed and balanced efficiently by the Head Teacher and Bursar in a climate of continued fiscal pressures. The annual School's Financial Value Standard (SFVS, a thorough audit of the school's financial governance) being completed by the Assets and Finance committee, was discussed by the Board and an extraordinary meeting is planned to approve this for submission by 31st March 2025.

Reports were received from the three sub-committees (Strategic Review, Assets and Finance, and Teaching and Learning) and from link-governors with special responsibilities including any recommendations requiring approval from the Board (eg Safeguarding and SEND, Health and Safety, Pupil premium and Sports premium). The Head Teacher's (HT) report to the governors was reviewed which included updates on pupil and staff wellbeing and pupil attendance. Forthcoming residential visits were approved.

Governor development and progress regarding the training of the new governors who joined the Board recently was discussed and organisational and clerking arrangements for the next school year were considered. New governors recently appointed to the Board are Anne Turner, Ian Roberts and Sam Cooper, each bringing valuable skills to supplement the governing team. Short bios for all governors can be found in the Governor Body Profile Document on the school website.

Wendy Davies

Chair of Governors