



# **ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

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## **Precis of Full Governing Board (FGB) Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

The Full Governing Board (FGB) met at Alderley Edge Community Primary School on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Apart from the regular items of governance at this time of year as summarised later, this meeting incorporated many of the items from the Teaching and Learning (T&L) sub-committee since it had been decided to bring those items to this meeting instead of holding a separate T&L meeting earlier in the term. This was to begin a process of re-structuring the governor meetings to align more with the way they are organised in a Multi-academy Trust (MAT). Clerking requirements and associated costs will therefore be reduced going forward.

In relation to our Academisation process, this is continuing with no issues and in accordance with the requirements of the Department for Education, the Halliard MAT and AECPS. The Academy Order from the Regional School's Director granting approval for conversion was received in May and legal procedures are now ongoing aiming for completion, and therefore a likely time of conversion in the Spring of 2026. Some integration is beginning and the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors have already attended meetings and workshops with the Halliard schools with positive outcomes.

Other items on the agenda were reports from the sub-committees (Strategic Review, Assets and Finance) and from link-governors with special responsibilities including recommendations requiring approval from the Board (eg Safeguarding and SEND, Health and Safety, staffing structure and annual contracts for 25/26). The decision at the Assets and Finance committee to increase Squirrel Club fees from September was ratified in light of increasing staff costs and running expenses. The Head Teacher's (HT) report to the governors was reviewed which included updates on pupil and staff wellbeing and pupil attendance. The Ofsted Action Plan, having been incorporated into the School Development Plan, has continued to be implemented well and the Board was impressed and congratulated the HT and staff on the most recent pupil performance data available especially the Phonics Screening results and Multiplication Check results which were markedly above the national average.

Term dates for 2026-2027 and residential visits for the next school year were agreed, 13 policies were re-approved and dates for governor meetings for 2025-2026 were confirmed. Governor development has progressed since the last meeting: the most recently appointed governors have completed their mandatory training and they and others have taken part in additional training relevant to their link roles and committee interests. A skills audit and a 360 Board review have been undertaken and will inform further development and governance priorities. Short bios for all governors can be found in the Governor Body Profile Document on the school website.

Wendy Davies

Chair of Governors