



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery

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"High achievement and success with a smile."



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Dear WFIS & Shining Stars Nursery Parents/Carers,

LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

Mr Jon Albert
Co Chair of Local Governing Body



Mrs Anjali Webb
Co Chair of Local Governing Body



We are writing to you all today to formally introduce ourselves and to share further information about our roles and responsibilities as members of the Local Governing Body at Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery.

We currently share the role of Co-Chair of the Local Governing Body and feel very privileged to hold this position and to be a part of the governance arrangements at WFIS & Nursery. As proud members of South Farnham Educational Trust, our Local Governing Body is a sub-committee of the Trust and a number of functions are delegated to us as a committee at school level.

You may already be aware that Governors are volunteers and our main role is to work with the school ensuring that your children receive the best education in a supportive and safe setting. To this end we have **four core strategic functions** which are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.
4. Ensuring that the school fulfils its statutory duties, including those around equalities and safeguarding.

A key part of our role is to work on a **vision for the governance of the school** which closely aligns with both the school and Trust vision and this is an area we have been working on during this term. We are now in a position to be able to share this vision with you all:

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



WFIS & Nursery Governors' Vision

As Governors we will work as a team with staff and parents to ensure children achieve of their best in all aspects of school life. Our vision for our children is evidenced in the following:

SFET aims and ethos

"We have a commitment to, and are accountable for, a shared drive for excellence in all aspects of educational provision. All staff will be valued and will be provided with a safe and professional working environment. There will be high expectation and challenge for every pupil to fully develop and achieve intellectually, physically, socially and aesthetically."

WFIS & Nursery aims and ethos:

All children at Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery will be happy successful learners who achieve their full potential and develop a lifetime love of reading and learning in a safe, secure environment. We work together as a whole school team to seek to achieve "High Achievement and Success with a Smile" by being values led; our values and ethos underpin all that we do!

WFIS & Nursery values:

Determination • Effort • Friendship • Good manners • Respect • Reflection

We want to see WFIS & Nursery continue to provide outstanding provision. So as Governors, we aim to:

1) Ensure a shared drive for excellence in all that we do.

We work closely with the Co-Heads to ensure a cycle of continuous improvement. Governors are each linked to school priorities and academic areas. We undertake regular visits to school relating to our specific responsibilities through the "Governor of the Month" programme. We ensure the highest standard of support for all children (including vulnerable learners, pupil premium, children with special educational and/or medical needs and English as an Additional Language) so that all children can achieve their full potential. We will ensure that the school plays their part in raising national standards in education through sharing good practice with other school and teachers across the country.

2) Develop the Governing Body to provide the very highest level of challenge, rigour and strategic support to the school.

Support the Co-Heads, Senior Leadership Team and subject leaders, while also providing constructive challenge, to ensure the best outcomes for children are achieved. We regularly evaluate strategic plans and policies through Governing Board meetings and provide input into school development plans. We are focussed both on the school's immediate future as well as longer term plans. We also ensure WFIS & Nursery is financially sound, making best use of its income in ways which have a positive impact on the quality of education. All governors take an active part in ensuring that the school fulfils its statutory duties, including those around equalities and safeguarding.

3) Promote open and visible styles of governorship within the school community in order to ensure that parents and pupils are being heard and involved.

We strive to create a school community in which all parents and carers, pupils, staff and visitors feel welcomed and valued. We aim to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the development of the school - both through formal mechanisms like parent surveys and forums as well as making ourselves available during Governor [visit](#) days throughout the year. We encourage our school community to share their ideas with us. We also aim to learn from others: working in collaboration with other schools in SFET and the wider education community to share best practices and ensure that all pupils receive the best provision possible.

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Our governors come from a range of backgrounds and have different skills, but we could not do our job without the expertise of the Co Head Teachers, Senior Leadership Team and all the committed staff at Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery. We meet regularly to discuss a wide range of school issues and the Co-Chairs of the Governing Body additionally meet the Co-Heads on a tri-weekly basis. Each Governor has an area of responsibility. To find out more about our Governing Body please click

The Governing Body is made up of individuals with a broad range of skills who collectively help to set and implement the aims, ethos and strategic direction of the school. We all volunteer our time. The Local Governing Body meet regularly to discuss a wide range of school issues and the Co-Chairs of the Local Governing Body additionally meet the Co-Heads on a tri-weekly basis. Each Governor has an area of responsibility. To find out more about our Governing Body please click [here](#) .

Should you wish to share any thoughts or ideas, please contact us through the school office. On behalf of the whole Local Governing Body, we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year.

With kind regards,

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