



ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

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Precis of Full Governing Board (FGB) Meeting 7th March 2024

The Full Governing Board (FGB) met at Alderley Edge Community Primary School on 7th March 2024. 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 4th June.

At this time of year, financial matters are a focus and the draft annual school budget for the following school year is approved. Although this year's budget is being managed and balanced extremely efficiently by the Head Teacher and Bursar in a climate of increasing costs and limited funding, for the next academic year (2024/25) the Governing Body agreed that they are unable to submit a balanced budget due to the continued fiscal pressures. The Local Authority (LA) will be formally notified in June. The school have steps in place to address the shortfall and the Board are confident in these plans and the school's financial management. The annual School's Financial Value Standard (SFVS) was discussed by the Board and an extra-ordinary meeting is planned for 14th March to approve this for submission by 31st March 2024.

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 Funding). The Head Teacher's report to the governors was discussed including an update on a recent visit by the School's Improvement Partner who was impressed by the 'deep dive' undertaken into the teaching of History. The Head Teacher's report also 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 in 2023 was discussed and organisational and clerking arrangements for the next school year were confirmed. The term of service for one long standing member of the Board, Marc Asquith, comes to an end before the next FGB, and sincere thanks were expressed for his time, commitment and valued contribution over many years.

Wendy Davies

Chair of Governors