Minutes of a meeting of the Full Governing Body of Wimbledon Chase Primary School ("FGB") Wimbledon Chase Primary School, Merton Hall Road, London, SW19 3QB on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 17.00hrs - VIRTUAL

Present:	K Ellis (Headteacher) P Nekoo Sankey (Staff Governor) C Burnett (Co-opted Governor) F Hunter (Parent Governor)- chair S Furlong-Beaumont (Co-opted Governor) - vice chair M Fernando (Co-opted Governor) J Hearn (Co-opted Governor) S Ocakoglu (Parent Governor) S Makepeace (LA Governor) K Corso (Parent Governor)
Others in attendance:	S Dotchin – Clerk D Newell – Associate Member T Fortescue – Associate Member
Apologies:	F Ockelford (Co-opted Governor) T Theodoratou (Co-opted Governor) N Fleming (Parent Governor) J Fuller (Co-opted Governor)
Absence:	
Quorum:	Yes

1. OPENING/QUORUM/APOLOGIES **ACTION NUMBER**

The Chair opened the meeting and declared that a quorum was present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3. ADHERANCE TO THE EQUALITITES STATEMENT

4. GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP

- Nomination and vote on election of Grace Asquith-Evans as a coopted governor. FH informed the meeting that she had met with the candidate and was proposing her for election. The Governing Body considered the nomination received. GAE withdrew from the meeting for the duration of the discussion and vote. A vote was taken by a show of hands and GAE was unanimously elected as a co-opted governor. GAE then rejoined the meeting and was congratulated by the Chair.

- Extension of Maternity leave for Felicity Ockelford. FH informed the meeting that FO would like to extend the maternity leave (1 term)

previously agreed by the Governing Body. This would be for another 2 terms. The Governing Body approved maternity leave and extended its best wishes.

5. SVFS - School Financial Values Standard

Chair reminded the committee that this document forms a statutory internal audit for the Governing Body, this is submitted to the LA as evidence that Governors are fulfilling their duties in carrying out their checks and balances.
TF had populated and circulated this document for Governor's review prior to the meeting. TF highlighted these changes and clarified them to the committee. Edits had been suggested by Governors were agreed.
TF will submit this to the Local Authority by 31 March 2026.

6. AOB

KE told the meeting that falling pupil numbers in Merton are impacting many local schools. At present Wimbledon Chase has been impacted less than some of the other schools in the cluster group. At the cluster Headteacher meeting it had been suggested that that cluster schools link governing bodies creating a forum to provide mutual support in responding to budget challenges caused by falling pupil numbers. While the school is not currently affected, governors acknowledged the need to remain mindful that this position may change and agreed to this action. KE will share the Chair's contact details.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

None identified

8. MEETING CLOSE

There being no more areas for discussion, chair closed the meeting at 17.30hrs.

CHAIR - SIGNATURE…….

CHAIR - NAME…….

DATE: ……