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 Monday, 05 May 2026 at 18.30hrs

Present:	K Ellis (Headteacher) M Fernando (Co-opted Governor) T Theodoratou (Co-opted Governor) G Asquith-Evans (Co-opted Governor) C Burnett (Co-opted Governor) F Hunter (Parent Governor)- Chair S Ocakoglu (Parent Governor) N Fleming (Parent Governor) K Corso (Parent Governor) P Nekoo Sankey (Staff Governor) S Makepeace (LA Governor)
Others in attendance:	S Dotchin – Clerk D Newell (Associate Member) T Fortescue (Associate Member)
Apologies:	F Ockelford (Co-opted Governor) J Fuller (Parent Governor) S Furlong-Beaumont (Co-opted Governor) - vice chair J Hearn (Co-opted Governor)
Absence:	None
Quorum:	Yes

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

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

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NONE.

3. ADHERENCE TO THE EQUALITIES STATEMENT

The Equalities statement was considered, no exceptions were identified and it was confirmed as being adhered to.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes dated 02 February 2026 and 25 March 2026 were reviewed and approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING

32.1 COMPLETED
32.2 – Clerk has sent governors reminders

7. HEADTEACHER UPDATE – VERBAL

School Context

Number of pupils on roll: 686

629 (96.2% capacity) M: 52% F: 48%
+ 57 in nursery (inc.43 full time, 14 sessional pupils: 100/104 places)

Number of pupils with an EHCP in Additional Resource Provision ARP (16 capacity)	16 (ARK Y1:0, Y2:4 Y3:4– 8) (STUDY Y4:3, Y5:2, Y6:3- 8)
% of pupils with EHCP	6.6% (incl ARP, total 42) 4.1% (ex ARP) - Merton Average 3.5%??
Number/ percentage of pupils on SEND Support	70 (YN:3 YR:7, Y1:8, Y2:5, Y3:8 Y4:14, Y5:10, Y6:15) 10.2%
Percentage of pupils with SEND	16.3% (112 pupils) 37.5% of all SEND are EHCPs (42 pupils)
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language (EAL)	R to Y6 52.7% (332 pupils) + Nursery (23 pupils) 51.7% (355 pupils)
Number of pupils eligible for pupil premium	61 (9.6%)
Number of CPLA/CLA pupils	5/0

KE explained:

- Nursery numbers are good, with 43 fulltime places, EYFS staff believe pupils benefit from the fulltime provision.
- Reception classes are full for the September 2026 intake, with 38 children on the waiting list. KE said this is very positive given the decrease in school numbers nationally.
- There are 26 EHCPs (Education Health Care Plans) with some year groups having more than others.
- The ARP (Additionally Resourced Provision) is full.

- Outdoor learning (target on the School Development Plan) is becoming embedded practice – the ARP have a lesson each week outside and have recently had a Fun Run to raise funds for outdoor resources.

Attendance

The Education Welfare Officer continues to visit half termly and review the school's attendance figures. At the last review the overall attendance figure was 95.4% with Persistent Absentees 11% (this is pupils with below 90% attendance.) Many of these are unavoidable and due to long term health conditions. The school continues to write to parents where their child's attendance is a concern (22 letters in the last half term.)

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team have attended Local Authority safeguarding Forums, updated Local Authority training and continued to meet weekly.

MEP – Merton Education Partner

Lauren Clog the school's MEP has visited the school, met with the senior leadership team and conducted a learning walk, her report is being finalised and is very positive.

School Development Plan

KE will provide a full report update on this at the next FGB meeting. Caroline Gibbins (headteacher September 2026) will be involved in setting next year's school development plan (SDP).

Annual Parent Survey

The survey has now closed, there were 118 responses, KE sent parents prompts to complete it to secure the best possible response. KE and TT will review this.

Annual Staff and Pupil Survey

These surveys will be complete this term. The staff survey will be completed with the Anna Freud Mental Health Charity again this year, this has a large focus on wellbeing. The pupil survey has some new questions regarding online use.

Events at school this term

- Art Exhibition
- Inspirational Interests week
- Year 5 residential trip to France

- Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight
- International Week
- Performances
- Colour Run
- Family Day
- Year 6 Fun Night – end of SATS celebration

Sustainability

Preloved uniform sales continue to be popular. The Eco Team have organised a big litter pick and promote recycling.

The school will have a visit from National Education Nature Park (the Royal Horticultural Society) next week, This **free programme** provides us with the resources, support and guidance to embed climate and nature into our outdoor learning using our grounds.

The playground development has continued with new outdoor gym area and new Towers area, these have been well received by the children.

Other Information

Mrs Knapman (SENDco) will be leaving the school at the end of term. The position was advertised and received lots of interest in the position. An appointment has been made.

KE is working with Caroline Gibbins on the handover and a transition plan is in place. Mrs Gibbins will be attending Family Day to meet parents.

8. CHAIR REPORT

FH told the meeting that she has joined the other Chairs of Governors of cluster schools in a chairs cluster group. It is hoped that this group can support each other's schools and share good practice.
FH attending the Merton Chair's briefing, there was a lot of information regarding falling pupil numbers, both nationally and in the borough.

9. CHAIR OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Teaching and Learning Committee
Chair of Committee - the committee had reviewed the Spring term data and summarised:

- Attainment has improved since the Autumn term is most year groups
- Progress across the school is good overall.

- Pupil Premium numbers have increased – this is thought to be a result in the change in catchment area (falling numbers) and encouraging applications.
- Tracking Progress meetings continue to monitor Pupil Premium and SEND pupil's progress.
- Bespoke interventions are taking place where needs are identified
- Gender gaps have been identified and work is in place to continue to promote reading and writing for boys – higher numbers of boys are identified as having SEND needs.

Governors challenged how the gender gap is considered in planning. KE said this is and teachers consider directed play, equipment used, texts and reading schemes to support this.

- EAL workshops have been successful and well attended, there are no significant EAL gaps identified.
- SEND – all teachers have received training on the Ordinary Available Guidance making adaptions within their classroom settings, with support from the SENDCo.

Governors questioned whether this supports all pupils, KE clarified that these adaptions are good for everyone and can support all learners.

- Year 3 currently has a high number of Education Health Care Plans.

School Business Committee

Chair of Committee – the committee met on the 21 April to review the budget close. Budget closed with a surplus of £33,739 this was the result of a lot of hard work ensuring all SEND money was claimed and some unexpected additional funding. The committee discussed staffing cost pressures and challenges.

A member of staff retired and another had maternity leave, the decision had been made to replace them with experienced supply teachers, as the senior leadership team felt this would be better for these classes.

With the agreement of the SBC TF has notified the Local Authority that the school will be setting a deficit budget. Governors will review this budget at the meeting scheduled for 19 May 2026.

The SBC have challenged how the school could reduce the deficit further and as part of this will review lettings costs and further opportunities.

KE added that Merton have agreed a pay increase in the pay scale for support staff.

Whole School Community Committee

Chair of the committee informed the meeting that:

- Policies have been reviewed.
- Parent Survey contained OFSTED questions with others agreed by the committee which are more bespoke to WCPS **–** chair will meet with KE to analyse the results and then feedback.

10. COMPLAINTS

None

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

See confidential part 2 minutes

12. AOB

Governors to review link areas – clerk to circulate link governor document. **ACTION: 33.1**
Governors to send to CB any outstanding link area reports. **ACTION: 33.2**
Arrangements for the Governor Day 16 June 2026:

- Morning link area visits
- Coffee break with staff
- Governor Lunch
- Pupil Voice
- FGB 2pm

13. MEETING CLOSE

There being no more areas for discussion, chair closed the meeting at 19.45hrs.

Date of next meeting – 05 May 2026, 6.30pm

CHAIR - SIGNATURE……

CHAIR - NAME……

DATE: ……

Meeting: 05052026/33

Meeting Number/ Action Number	Action	Person Responsible
33.1	**Link area document to be recirculated by Clerk**	**Clerk**
33.2	**Governors to complete any outstanding visit reports**	**Link Governors**
32.1	SD to inform new parent governor of their election	Clerk COMPLETED
32.2	Governors to complete any outstanding housekeeping task on Governor Hub	ALL GOVERNORS Ongoing – Clerk emailing individual governors

30.1	DHT to consider how link visits are booked.	CB/DN COMPLETED
30.2	Governors to prepare a short item to feature in school newsletter	ALL GOVERNORS COMPLETED
30.3	Feedback about how staff feel/would like governors to engage with staff	PNS COMPLETED
29.1	Staff Governor Election	KE/SD COMPLETED
29.2	Review and Update Governor Cycle of Business	KE/KP/SFB/SD ONGOING
29.3	Governor Skills Audit	All Governors COMPLETED
29.4	Governor Newsletter to parents	KP/Committee leads COMPLETED
27.1	Presentation from English Leads – Autumn term	KE FGB - NOV 25
27.1	Draft timetable for governor day to be circulated	DN COMPLETED
26.1	Governors to review link areas and notify clerk of any requests for change.	All Governors COMPLETED
25 .1	Review link governor role for Mental Health and wellbeing.	All Governors COMPLETED

24.1	Governor SEF - Clerk to collate information and share it with the Governing Body.	SD COMPLETED

23.1	New Attendance\policy to be shared with Governors	KE/SD COMPLETED
23.2	Governors self-review	KE/KP COMPLETED