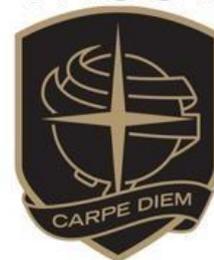


# The work of our Local Governing Body

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Southfields  
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Linden Lodge  
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A Specialist Sensory & Physical College

## **The Work of the Local Governing Body**

The Linden Lodge Local Governing Body (LGB) is an advisory one, whose main aim is to support and improve standards of achievement for all students and to ensure that resources are used well and give every pupil the best possible education. The day-to-day running of the school, is the responsibility of the Head teacher and senior leadership team who report directly to the CEO of the Multi-Academy Trust.

## **The Local Governing Body (LGB)**

Linden Lodge School is a member of the Southfields Multi-Academy Trust. The Board of Trustees is legally responsible and accountable for the statutory functions, but have identified the areas of responsibility which they have delegated to the LGB.

The LGB includes members to provide a balance of skills, expertise, and stakeholder representation. Parent governors ensure that highest priority is given to the concerns and issues which are most important to our parents. Co-opted governors bring specific experience from their professional life, such as safeguarding, health and wellbeing, and clinical governance. In addition, associate governors can be appointed to provide advice and support in specific areas, or for specific projects, if and when needed.

## **Local Governors are appointed to provide:**

- Strong links between the school and the community.
- Wider knowledge and professional experience.
- Critical challenge in terms of school priorities and activity.
- A focus on long-term strategic development and improvement.
- Support and challenge for the Head teacher and staff.

## **Local Governors are expected to:**

- Attend meetings two to three times a term
- Carry out visits to the school and report back to enhance the effectiveness of the school
- Work as a member of the LGB (not as an individual) in the best interests of the school and Southfields Multi-Academy Trust
- Become well informed about SEND provision and about the school in particular.
- Be aware of the role and responsibilities of Southfields Multi-Academy Trust
- Champion the work of the school
- Contribute to the OFSTED inspection of the school by sharing knowledge and understanding of the school's impact and challenges

- Attend training courses, where appropriate.

**Committee meetings (once a term):**

- Full Local Governing Body
  - Quality of teaching and learning
  - Pupil Progress
  - Curriculum
  - Behaviour and Personal development
  - Leadership and Management
- Clinical Governance and Safeguarding
  - Therapy provision – quality and control
  - Safeguarding – link to quality of education
- Wandsworth Sensory Support Service