

Federation of Boldmere Schools

Governor Update | Spring Term 2025

Message from the Governors

Welcome to our Governor Newsletter. Firstly we wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our fantastic Junior school staff and leadership team on such an excellent recent Ofsted report. Such inspections are not easy, and we are all proud of the report. You are able to find the full report [online](#).

The Spring term is very busy for the school, and we were proud of all of our young people performing their various celebrations, and of course, the parental involvement in this. We are also grateful, as ever, for the work of the fabulous PTA in organising the recent Christmas Fair, raising much needed money for the school. The Boldmere School Community Iftar returns for its 3rd year on Thursday 13th March and promises to be a lovely chance for the community come together. Again, the PTA has organised this alongside the Muslim Parents of Boldmere. Please save the date!

*As governors we work to support Boldmere School's vision, which is: **to empower all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.*** The governors provide strategic oversight of the school, through its governing board meetings, but also through our specific committees covering finance, facilities, premises, health & safety (FFPH&S) along with education & standards (E&S). All minutes of these meetings, along with other information, are available in the governors' area of the [school website](#). In addition we have a Parent Representative Body which allows groups of parents from each year group to feed directly to the executive leadership and to the governors.

Finally, Governors would like to say a thank you to each and every one of our parents, staff and leadership team, as well as our amazing children, who make Boldmere School what it is. We look forward to working closely together with the school over the next few months.

New Chair of Governors

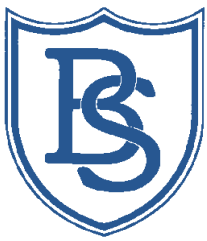
Our new chair of Governors is Laura Shergold, taking over from Greg Bloom who was Chair for the last 9 years. Mrs Tonita Whittier-Turlunch, a co-opted member of our FGB, has been nominated and also, elected to the position of Vice Chair. The Governing Body wish Greg and his family all the best for the future, and thank him for his selfless commitment supporting the school over these years. Anne Darby also leaves our Governing Body after 20 years of involvement. Anne has been Chair, a member of the FGB and also, most recently, an Associate Governor. Thank you Anne for all you have done. For full details of all members of the Governing Board, please see our school website under [Governors](#).

The role of School Governors

A common question asked of governors is 'what is your role?'. The purpose of the governing body is to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. Specifically, governors are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

The governors are not involved in the day to day running of the school, and the teaching staff should be the first point of contact for any issues. More information can be found at www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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Parents Representative Groups Update

The Parent Representative Body has been set up to encourage dialogue between parents, the senior leadership team and governors. The group has been going strong for more than two years now, and has proven successful in discussing any issues.

The group meets with school leaders on a half termly basis. During the first parent representative meeting this half-term we will establish any vacancies and invite any expressions of interest to the group. **The continued dialogue is essential for our governing board as this acts as another important mechanism for further school improvement priorities. A massive thank you to all the parents who give up their time to be involved in this group.**

Get in touch

The governors welcome feedback and questions from all parents/carers and stakeholders in the wonderful Boldmere community. Full dates of our Governing Body Meetings for 2025 can be found below.

If you would like to contact the Governing Body, please contact either of the school offices marking the email for the attention of the FGB.

Upcoming Meetings for 2025

	Day	Date	Time	Meeting
SPRING	Wednesday	05/02/2025	8am	FFPHS Committee
	Wednesday	05/03/2025	8am	E&S Committee
	Wednesday	19/03/2025	8am	FFPHS Committee
	Wednesday	09/04/2025	8am	FFPHS Committee
	Wednesday	14/05/2025	4pm	Full Governing Board
SUMMER	Wednesday	18/06/2025	8am	E & S Committee
	Wednesday	02/07/2025	8am	FFPHS Committee
	Wednesday	16/07/2025	4pm	Full Governing Board