

Ladbrooke JMI School Minutes of Full Governing Body Meeting 3rd July 2025 at 7.15pm

Attendees:

Alex Corke (AC); Phil Cunningham – CoG (PC); Jaime De Verteuil (JDV); Kevin Dobson (KD); Greg Huntley (GH); Jon Mackley (JM); Sara-Jane Tiramani (SJT); Mark Turner (MT); Tracey Webster – Head (TW);

Apologies:

Claire Brazil (CB); Donna Corke (DC); Dave Swedensky (DS)

In Attendance:

Helen Romain – Deputy Head (HR); Nicola Thrussell – Clerk (NT)

Item	Description	Action
1. 1.1	Apologies for Absence PC Welcomed all. There were three apologies for absence which were approved.	
2. 2.1	Declaration of Interests There were no Declarations of Interests.	
3. 3.1	Notification of Any Other Business There was one item of Any other business, school sports provision, under Item 7.1.	
4. 4.1	Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 6 th March 2025 Approved and signed as accurate.	
5. 5.1	Matters Arising Item 1.3 – DS to double check his Governor Profile on GovernorHub. Completed.	
5.2	Item 5.3 – TW to update curriculum on the website. This will be completed with all new updates for September.	Action TW
5.3	Item 6.4.1 – Vacancies to be advertised on the school website. This has not been completed, however there has been a very good response to the vacancies that have been advertised so it is not felt necessary at present.	
6.	Headteacher Report TW circulated her report prior to the meeting. Some highlights were discussed. The nursery for September is full with a waiting list. There is a blind child joining Reception in September. An advert was put out for a 1:1 to work with her and we were encouraged to learn that her 1:1 from her current provision has applied. The full recruitment and interview process will be followed, but there is a good chance that we will be able to offer the child some continuity.	

8.	Premises Update The floor in the Nursery and Reception is being replaced over the summer, along with PAT testing. All works are included in the Health and Safety Report available on GovernorHub.	
	Q: Is a GDPR Audit due?A: TW is to make a note for this to be completed in September.It was noted that it is important for governors to visit the school to see work in action.	Action TW
7.	Link Governor Reports DC Completed a SEN visit on the 18 th March and her report is available on GovernorHub. SJT is going to meet with Gemma to review the school's Single Central Record and will complete the Safeguarding Report to Governors for then September FGB.	Action SJT
	It was noted that both the school's ECTs have had a very good first year. There have been no Safeguarding or Date Protection issues.	
	Q: I have noticed we do not have any Parent View submissions. Is this usual or does the school send something internal to parents to complete. A: We do not have our own survey but will encourage parents to complete Parent View.	Action TW
	It was noted that all felt the school is currently very strong with regard to the curriculum and any issues raised in the last Ofsted Inspection have been addressed. Thanks were expressed by the governors to all of the staff that participated in recent residential trips.	
	There will also be a focus on providing more developmental play opportunities, allowing more creative and collaborative play. Subject Leadership will take a different approach, with teams set up to have a different focus each half term, allowing for the number of ECTs there are at the school.	
	Q: What is the reason for this focus? A: Reading is stronger at present and we are not seeing consistency and quality of creative writing.	
	There are two TAs leaving but there has been a very positive response to the advert put out. There is also a child moving into Year 1 who requires a 1:1, however they are also awaiting a place at a special provision setting. There are a few children who are moving out of the area and therefore leaving the school. There is not currently anyone waiting for a Year 2 place which will have an impact on the budget. Next year school improvement will focus on writing.	

	Q: Is there a long term plan for works going forward to help support the	
	budget?	
	A: This will be reviewed.	
	Q: Have we considered purchasing air conditioning given the recent hot weather, or looking at creating more shaded areas around the grounds? A: Air conditioning is both costly to install and to run so is not a feasible option and is only currently useful for a few weeks of the year. Options for increased shade can be looked at as part of the play development.	
9.	Term Dates	
9.1	Term dates were circulated prior to the meeting and all approved. Provisional dates for 2026-27 were also looked at.	
10.	Policies	
10.1	Admissions Ratified following recommendation from the sub-committee meetings.	
10.2	Equalities	
	Ratified following recommendation from the sub-committee meetings.	
10.3	Early Career Teachers (ECTs) Ratified following recommendation from the sub-committee meetings.	
10.4	Looked After Children (LAC) Ratified following recommendation from the sub-committee meetings.	
10.5	Early Years (EYFS) Ratified following recommendation from the sub-committee meetings.	
11.	Letter to Parents from The Governing Body	
11.1	PC will draft a letter and circulate it to governors for approval by email.	Action PC
12.	Governing Body Membership	
	JM's Term of Office is ending in October. He is considering stepping down at	
	the end of his term following 8 years as a governor at Ladbrooke, but will give a definitive decision in September.	
	KD is a parent governor whose child is leaving the school at the end of this	
	term. It was noted that KD is able to complete his Term of Office	
	(11/10/2028) which he has said he is happy to do.	
13.	Any Other Business	
	The school's sports provision is going to be changing next term.	
	Challenge, Sport and Education (CSE) have worked with the school for a	
	number of years as they could no longer offer provision that worked for the	
	school.	
	A coach that previously worked with the school with CSE is now working with a new company, Coach to Inspire. The company's ethos is very much in line	
	with that of the school, and very much about the children. They are better	

	value that CSE and are offering a provision that works much better for the school overall.
14.	Dates of Next Meetings
14.1	All dates were circulated prior to the meeting and unanimously approved.
14.2	FGB Meetings: 11th September 2025; 4th December 2025; 5th March
14.3	2026; 14th May 2026 (Budget Ratification 8pm); 2nd July 2026.
14.4	• Resources Meetings: 16th October 2025; 5th February 2026; 18th June 2026.
	• SIC Meetings: 20th November 2025; 15th January 2026; 23rd April 2026.

The Meeting closed at 8.11pm.