



Chertsey and Dorking Nursery Schools

Governance Structure 2025-26



The Federated Governing Body of Chertsey and Dorking Nursery Schools is responsible for 3 key functions:-

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its children, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The FGB meets six times a year to carry out its key functions. Alongside this, there are a number of committees that meet in-between full meetings to focus on specific tasks. FGB Meetings are held at both Chertsey and Dorking, meetings alternate between venues.

Full Governing Body – six meetings per year

Andy Whitehouse – Co-opted Governor (Chair)
 Donna Harwood-Duffy – Executive Headteacher
 Ella Hood – Co-opted Governor
 Helen Sutherland - Co-opted Governor
 Jennifer Devane – Staff Governor
 Jo Suchy – LA Governor
 Lucy Perry – Parent Governor
 Oliver Hughes – Parent Governor
 Mary McCrea - Co-opted Governor
 Neeva Shore - Co-opted Governor (Vice Chair)
 Phil Davies - Co-opted Governor
 Sylvina Mellor - Co-opted Governor

In attendance due to role
 Anita Cheeseman – Head of School – Chertsey

Resources Committee –five meetings per year

Andy Whitehouse
 Donna Harwood-Duffy
 Ella Hood
 Mary McCrea – (Chair)
 Neeva Shore
 Oliver Hughes
 Phil Davies
 Sylvina Mellor
 In attendance due to role – Anita Cheeseman, Nicky Ellis,
 Tracey Maloney

Admissions Committee – one meeting per year

Oliver Hughes
 Mary McCrea
 Lucy Perry
 In attendance due to role – Donna Harwood-Duffy, Anita Cheeseman

Headteachers Review – four meetings per year

Mary McCrea – (Chair)
 Jo Suchy
 Andy Whitehouse
 Neeva Shore

Named Governor for Safeguarding
 Sylvina Mellor

Named Governor for SEND
 Jo Suchy/ Lucy Perry

Named Governor for Children in Care
 Helen Sutherland

Named Governor for Allegations Against the Head
 Vice Chair – Neeva Shore