

SYDENHAM SCHOOL

2025/2026

GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE

15 governor places

Headteacher	1
Staff	1
Appointed by the London Borough of Lewisham	1
Elected parents of pupils attending the school	4
Co-opted	8

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Curriculum and Achievement
Pay Committee
Resources Committee
Children Families and Community

Pupil Discipline Committee / Staff Discipline Committee / Staff Discipline Appeal Committee / Pay Appeals Committee / Complaints Committee

These committees meet as and when required, with a minimum of three eligible governors to be drawn from a pool of all members of the Governing Body, subject to availability and lack of conflicts of interest and having regard to the need for the Committee to be balanced in terms of gender and race as far as possible.

Clerk to the Governing Body: Hope Francis

FGB 2025/26

Total 15 Governors: 1 x Head, 1 x Staff, 1 x LA, 4 x Parents, 8 x Co-opted								
Name	Initials	Category	Appointed by	Term	Start date	Term of office end date	Responsibilities	Committee membership
Emma Wijnberg	EW	Headteacher	NA	NA	NA	NA	HT	All Ex-Officio
Volker Kauschel –	VK	Co-opted	FGB	4	17/03/2024	16/03/2028	Chair of resources	Finance & Resources
Sarah Haar	SA	Staff Governor	Staff election	4	17/01/2023	30/09/25 resigned	-	CF&C
Kate Slater-Vance (Vice Chair)	KSV	Parent	Parent election	4	20/06/2022	19/06/2026	Curriculum & Achievement SEND Lead	Curriculum and Achievement
Patrick Cullen (CoG)	PC	Parent	Parent election	4	18/02/2023	17/02/2027		All
Matthew Wingate	MW	Parent	Parent election	4	22/02/2023	21/02/2027	H&S Lead	Finance & Resources SEND Link Lead
Hugh Dames	HD	Parent	Parent election	4	24/04/2028	12/02/2026 Resigned	Pupil Premium Lead	Curriculum & Achievement PP Link Gov
Victoria Wade	VW	Co-opted	FGB	4	03/10/2023	02/10/2027	-	Curriculum & Achievement Careers Link Gov
Lucy Maycock	LM	Co-opted	FGB	4	03/10/2023	23/09/25 Resigned	Joint Safeguarding Lead	Curriculum & Achievement
Jordan Belgrave	JB	Co-opted	FGB	4	03/10/2023	02/10/2027	-	Finance & Resources H&S Link Gov
Wing Chow	WC	Co-opted	FGB	4	03/10/2023	02/10/2027	Chair CF&C	CF&C
Obi James	OJ	Co-opted	FGB	4	29/11/2023	28/11/2027	-	CF&C Safeguarding Link Gov
Rebecca Ingram	RI	Co-opted	FGB	4	26/09/25	25/09/28	-	
Simon	SO	Co-opted	FGB	4	26/09/25	25/09/28		CFC
Gugu Hlpohe	GH	LA	FGB	4	13/03/25	12/03/29	-	F&R
*Helen Careswell	HC	Parent	Parent election	4	13/03/2026	12/03/2030		F&R
*Thomas Griffith	TG	Staff	Staff	4	01/10/25	30/10/2029	-	C&A

*Leavers *Joiners

FGB Meetings

<i>Name</i>	30/09/25	11/11/25	11/03/26	11/06/26
Emma Wijnberg - Headteacher	√	√	√	√
Volker Kauschel - Vice Chair	A	√	√	√
Sarah Haar	√	R	R	R
Kate Slater-Vance	√	√	√	√
Patrick Cullen (CoG)	√	√	√	√
Matthew Wingate	√	√	√	√
Hugh Dames	√	√	R	R
Victoria Wade	√	√	√	√
Jordan Belgrave	√	√	√	√
Wing Chow	√	√	√	√
Obi James	√	A	A	√
Rachel Ingram	√	A	√	√
Simon Ossai	A	√	√	√
Gigi Hlophe	√	√	√	A
Thomas Griffith	-	√	√	√

Governors Attendance Sydenham FGB Meetings 2025/2026

✓ = Present A =Apology consented R= Resigned

Finance and Resources Attendance 2025/2026

✓ Present **A** =Apology consented **R**= Resigned **N** =Absence not consented

Name	04/11/25	11/02/26	04/06/26
Volker Kauschel (Chair)	✓	✓	✓
Emma Wijnberg	✓	✓	✓
Jordan Belgrave	✓	✓	✓
Matthew Wingate	✓	A	✓
Patrick Cullen	✓	A	A

Curriculum and Achievement Attendance 2025/2026

✓ Present **A** =Apology consented **R**= Resigned **N** =Absence not consented

<i>Name</i>	07/10/25	27/01/26	13/05/26
Kate Slater-Vance - Chair	✓	✓	✓
Emma Wijnberg	✓	✓	✓
Lucy Maycock	✓	✓	✓
Victoria Wade	✓	✓	A
Pat Cullen	✓	✓	✓
Hugh Dames	✓	✓	R

Children Families and Community 2025/2026

✓ Present **A** =Apology consented **R**= Resigned **N** =Absence not consented

Name	23/09/25	15/01/26	28/04/26
Wing Chow	✓	✓	✓
Emma Wijnberg	✓	✓	✓
Obi James	A	✓	A
Sarah Haar	A	✓	R
Pat Cullen	A	A	✓
Rebecca Ingram	✓	✓	✓