

DEANSBROOK INFANT SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: Pupils, Parents & Community

Date: 08/10/2025

Committee members: Nikki Simon (Chair) (Co-opted Governor); Ryan Hannan (Secretary) (Parent Governor); Carole Catley (Headteacher); Nick Mailer (Co-opted Governor); John Parnaby (Staff Governor); Penka Georgieva Mihov (Parent Governor); Ben Amoah (Parent Governor); Judith Suissa (Co-opted Governor)

Present: CC, RH, JP, PG, BA, JS **Apologies:** NM, PM **Minutes:** RH

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	By whom	Deadline
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	NM, PM		
MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. 		
MATTERS ARISING	<p>SG poster outside the ladies' toilets requires updating.</p> <p><i>Action: CC to update the poster.</i></p>	CC	
Pupil admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current roll: 210 pupils. Nursery: 34 (17 FT). Some spaces remain for January and April. Reception: 59/60 Year 1: 57/60 Year 2: 60/60 School is 5 children short for funding, equating to approximately £20k. Some movement reported: 8 pupils in, 7 out. Parents visiting the school have indicated increased popularity and concerns about securing places. Year group churn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception: 3 out, 3 in 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1: 2 out, 3 in • Year 2: 1 out, 2 in • CC noted a shift in borough trends: schools in East Finchley are now struggling more than those in Mill Hill. Cost-of-living factors and increased housing in Colindale may be influencing numbers. <p>The school intends to cap at 2 forms of entry.</p>		
SEN PROVISION UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 pupils with EHCPs. SENCO has completed significant work in progressing applications. • Two Reception pupils with unidentified needs have been admitted from home settings. • SEN register: 25 pupils (excluding EHCPs). • Noted high levels of speech and language needs. • Current EHCP rate: 3.7%; projected to rise in line with national patterns. • CC confirmed the school retains the ability, in specific circumstances, to refuse admission where appropriate evidence exists. 		
ATTENDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance stands at 95% (94% including Nursery). • The school has joined a borough attendance project aimed at supporting sustained improvement. • A recent attendance officer home visit in July had a positive impact. • Pupil Premium: 45 pupils. 		
Policies	<p>Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New DPO appointed: John Moorhouse (via IT provider). • GDPR breach register contains 8 entries since GDPR introduction. • RH proposed developing an AI Literacy and AI Use Policy. • BA supported the proposal. • JS requested removal of a line from the SG policy: <i>"Where there is a safeguarding concern, ensure the child's wishes and feelings are taken into account..."</i> • Action: RH to prepare SG training for DB governors (Level 1), aligned to DB context, to be circulated before mid-November for signing at the first FGB meeting. • Governors discussed DBS arrangements for self-employed staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RH suggested deducting the cost from first payment where applicable. 		

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	Child Missing from Education Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC introduced the updated policy. • JS queried the previous 20-day window; CC confirmed this is now 10 days, and applies to all pupils. • JP asked about the implications of home-schooling; CC and NS explained the process and considerations. 		
SAFEGUARDING	Covered under Policies (above). No further updates.		
School Council	<p>The new School Council has been launched.</p> <p>Focus for the year: Wellbeing.</p>		
Friends of Deansbrook (PTA)	<p>AGM held last week; four parents attended, which is considered positive for the time of year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Halloween disco this year. There will be a dress-up day and a Halloween-themed cake stall. • Discussion around costume safety and appropriateness. • Summer Fair scheduled for 27 June. • Engagement remains limited; strategies to broaden participation were considered. 		
Parent workshops	<p>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Comprehension Workshop received strong feedback. A catch-up session may be arranged. • CC explained the success of Impact Workshops and DIS's parent workshop models, including take-home practice packs. 		
WEBSITE	<p>Website being maintained by Laura Story, approximately 1 hour per week.</p> <p>Checked and updated</p>		

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PROMOTIONS Promoting the school in the community	Promoting the school in the local community continues to be a priority. No additional updates recorded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lettings continue to be successful. • Lettings remain strong. • A new half-term holiday club is being trialled and may continue long-term depending on uptake. 		
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Date of next meeting	11 February 2026		

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