# Governor Roles – Associate Governor

At the FGBM 03.02.22 the FGB agreed to formally introduce the role of Associate Governor to its membership to ensure expertise is not lost where current governors feel they cannot continue in their full governor role and/or to fill skills gaps. In addition, the staff advisor role, introduced in 2020 to meet AFH requirements, should also be considered as an 'associate' rather than an 'advisor' role. The change would make designation clearer and bring the changes more in line with general guidance as a recognised role.

The associate governor role is in accordance with Suckley School Articles of Association 101:

"Subject to these Articles, the Governors may establish any committee. Subject to these Articles, the constitution, membership and proceedings of any committee shall be determined by the Governors. The establishment, terms of reference, constitution and membership of any committee of the Governors shall be reviewed at least 'once in every twelve months. The membership of any committee of the Governors may include persons who are not Governors, provided that a majority of members of any such committee shall be Governors. The Governors may determine that some or all of the members of a committee who are not Governors shall be entitled to vote in any proceedings of the committee. No vote on any matter shall be taken at a meeting of a committee of the Governors unless the majority of members of the committee present are Governors."

The FGB agreed that:

***Suckley School GB will appoint staff associate governors and other associate governors who the governing body feel could contribute to its work. They are appointed by the full governing body as members of committees for their specific skills and expertise. All associate governors are DBS cleared.***

***The two staff associate governors (previously known as staff governors/staff advisors) have a four-year term of office. Appointments will be made through a voting process if there are more applicants than places.***

***The term of office for other associate governors is 1 year rolling forward if appropriate. Their role and voting rights are decided by the governing body as relevant to the need but are limited by law to exclude matters concerning the budget, admissions, pupil discipline and the election or appointment of governors.***

***All decisions are recorded in FGB minutes.***