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Dear Europa Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to introduce myself as Chair of Governors at Europa School, and to share, along with the rest of the Board, some insight into who we are and the role we play within the school community.

Who we are

The Governing Body is made up of a group of volunteers who bring a wide range of skills, experience and perspectives from education, business, community, and family life. We are united by a commitment to supporting the school, its leadership and, most importantly, its pupils.

Our role

Europa School UK is part of a single academy trust¹ set up by a group of Members. These Members sit above the Governing Body and hold us to account for the effective governance of the trust. The Members appoint some Governors, the Governing Body also appoint some, two are elected by parents, and two by staff. This blend ensures we have voices that reflect the whole school community.

Our purpose

As set out in the Academy Trust Handbook², the Governing Body has collective accountability and responsibility for the academy trust and for assuring itself that regulatory, contractual and statutory requirements are met. We are responsible for providing:

- **strategic leadership of the academy trust:** defining the academy trust's vision for high quality and inclusive education, establishing and fostering the trust's culture, and championing the trust's strategy
- **accountability and assurance:** robust effective oversight of the operations and performance of the academy trust, including the provision of education, pupil welfare, overseeing and ensuring appropriate use of funding and effective financial performance, and keeping their estate safe and well-maintained
- **engagement:** strategic oversight of relationships with stakeholders – the governing body involves parents, schools and communities so that decision-making is supported by meaningful engagement

How we are organised

The Governing Body Board is structured to help us to maintain strong oversight while using our Governors' expertise effectively.

- The **Governing Body** operates as a single body, meeting regularly as a full board.
- We have **committees** that focus on specific areas such as finance, safeguarding and curriculum.

- Non-staff governors have ‘**Link Governor**’ responsibilities for particular areas, such as careers, sustainability and SEND, visiting the school and meeting staff where appropriate, before reporting back to the Governing Body.

How often we meet

The full Governing Body and committees meet formally at least once every term and more frequently as appropriate. Between meetings, there is ongoing contact between governors and the Principal to ensure we are well informed and able to respond quickly if needed. Periodically we meet informally for longer meetings focused on particular areas such as long-term strategy.

Our commitment to you

As governors, we are committed to being visible, approachable, and open about our work. You may see us at school events - look out for us at upcoming PTA Coffee Mornings and the Christmas Fair on 6th December. We believe that a strong partnership between governors, staff, families, and pupils is key to ensuring Europa School continues to be a place where every child can flourish. We are always keen to hear from parents and carers about your experiences and aspirations for the school. Please feel free to contact me at t.stock@europaschool.uk.

If you would like to learn more about the Governing Body, please visit:

<https://europaschooluk.org/about-us/key-information/staff/governing-body/>.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

With best wishes,

Terry Stock

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Board of Governors of Europa School

1. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/-governance-in-academy-trusts/definitions>

2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-trust-handbook/academy-trust-handbook-2025-effective-from-1-september-2025#part-1-roles-and-responsibilities-> (Section 1.10)