

Highfield South Farnham School

Local Governing Body Open Meetings 2019-20

The Local Governing Body of Highfield South Farnham School agrees that Local Governing Body meetings will be "open." Open meetings are meetings of the Local Governing Body to which members of the general public, including school staff and parents, can request, in writing, to attend as observers. This protocol outlines the conduct expected by the Governing Body of those requesting attendance.

Open Meeting Protocol

- Local Governing Body meetings are notified on the school website and through newsletters to parents/carers.
- Members of the public can make a request, in writing to the Clerk to the Local Governing Body, to attend the "open" part of any meeting.
- Requests to attend must be sent to the Clerk to the Local Governing Body no less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.
- If there is sufficient capacity/space an invitation to attend the meeting will be issued by the Clerk to the Local Governing Body, together with an agenda. These will be sent by e-mail seven days before the meeting.
- Anyone attending will be recorded in the minutes as "In attendance"
- Persons attending meetings do so at the invitation of the local governing body, as observers *only*, and must agree to:
 - not speak or in any other way interrupt the meeting;
 - at the request of the chair, leave the meeting if any part of is deemed, by the governing body, to be confidential;
 - not record any part of the meeting electronically or in writing

Failure to abide by these expectations is likely to result in an individual being asked to withdraw from the meeting and potentially be refused an invitation to future meetings.