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The Westgate School

ED PICTON

The Governing body would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed Picton on behalf of the school for the significant contribution as both Chair and Member of the Westgate School over the last 14 years.

Anyone who has worked with Ed is has been left in no doubt that he has always been fully committed to the best interests of The Westgate School and worked tirelessly to make a difference for the children of Cippenham. He puts his heart and soul into what he does and his pride in being part of the local community has always been evident.

The Westgate School has benefited significantly from Ed's professional expertise, most notably through his support in the planning & execution of the building works over the years. His enduring legacy will be the expansion of the school which will ensure that every child in Cippenham has a place at Westgate for generations to come.

His skill in negotiating with Slough Borough Council, not only ensured the school got the best construction deals but has helped to protect the strong financial status of the School, a significant achievement against the backdrop of the much publicised funding crisis in schools nationally.

In addition to this, Ed has always endeavoured to work with the school to achieve the very best outcomes for the children. He has contributed significantly to the gruelling Ofsted process, which recognised the hard work of the Governors, Senior leadership teams and Staff, seeing the school go from a Good to an Outstanding Ofsted rating. This rating has consistently been achieved in the last three Ofsted reviews.

During his tenure, Ed also lead Westgate both into and out of the multi academy trust and generously gave his time to also support other local schools by sharing his governance expertise as interim Chair/Governor.

He has overseen the recruitment of three head teachers, been responsible for building a strong Governing body and has always been available to support in challenging situations.

We wish Ed all the best in his future endeavours and are grateful for his support during this transition stage to ensure The Westgate School continues to go from strength to strength in the best interests of the children of Cippenham.



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