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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body, as I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the many changes which have taken place this academic year.

I became a governor in the summer term 2016; the same time Mrs Hodgson became head teacher. Following the resignation of Mr E Hurrell a few months later, I was elected as the Chair of Governors. During the academic year 2016-2017, the following people resigned: Mrs V Parnaby, Mrs M Borland, Rev G Norman and Mrs Jill Ossini - we thank them for their work and the time they freely gave to the school.

Since January 2017, we have recruited a number of new governors: Mrs T Hutchinson, Mr I Machin, and Mrs C Waterhouse. Two additional community governors will join the board in September 2017. We have vacancies for two parent governors; please contact the Head teacher if you are interested. You can find details of the whole team on the school website.

Governors work closely with and support the school team to ensure all children receive the best education they deserve. We do this by school and class visits, inspecting books, talking to children and questioning reports. We also ensure finances are secure and staff receive the training they require.

Following an audit in 2016, the aims for the board are to increase knowledge of governance and accountability. New governors are selected based upon matching personal skills to those required by the school. Governors are involved in extra training where possible, both inside the school and the external programmes.

One of the school's main targets is to improve the attendance of students. Although attendance has improved this year, we still have too many children who are persistently absent. Our drive to improve attendance is supported by children, staff and the governors.

I would like to thank the children for their hard work this year. On behalf of the governors, I wish our year six students well in their endeavours moving to comprehensive school.

Thank you for your continued support this year. We are always interested in your views, and you are welcome to discuss them with us by contacting the school.

Kind regards

D. Ramsey

Chair of Governors

