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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update you on some important and positive changes to our school's governing body structure and to introduce a new member to the team. The governing body plays a vital role in the strategic leadership and oversight of the school, working to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children.

New Governance Model: Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs

To ensure the effective functioning and robust leadership of our board, we have decided to adopt a **co-chair and co-vice chair model**. This approach allows for shared leadership and responsibilities, drawing on the diverse skills and experiences of two individuals in each role to provide comprehensive support and oversight.

The benefits of this model include:

- **Shared Workload:** The demanding role of a Chair or Vice-Chair is made more manageable by sharing the responsibilities, helping to prevent volunteer burnout and ensure consistent, dedicated leadership.
- **Diverse Expertise:** By having two people in each role, we can leverage a wider range of skills and perspectives to address the school's needs more effectively.
- **Succession Planning and Continuity:** This model strengthens our long-term stability by ensuring that knowledge and experience are shared across the leadership team, making for a smoother transition when individuals eventually step down.
- **Increased Availability:** With shared roles, there is greater flexibility and availability to respond to school matters promptly.

Our new leadership structure is as follows:

- **Co-Chairs of Governors:** **Mark Aspden** (Co-opted governor) and **Wendy Sutton** (Parent governor)
- **Co-Vice Chairs of Governors:** **Elaine Wareing** (Diocesan governor) and **Sian Summers** (Parent governor)

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They will work together with the Headteacher and the entire governing body to set the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction, as well as hold the school leadership to account for educational performance and financial management.

We are also delighted to share that the Local Authority have nominated Joanne Watkins to be our new Local Authority (LA) Governor.

LA Governors are nominated by the local authority and appointed by the governing body to represent the local community's interests and help ensure the school is meeting the needs of its pupils and the wider area. Joanne attended a meeting in October, and we look forward to ratifying this decision at the next full governors meeting in December. Joanne brings a wealth of experience that will greatly benefit our board and have a positive impact on our children's education.

We are confident that these changes will strengthen our governance and help us in our shared goal of providing the best possible education and environment for your children.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,
Natalie Tomlinson
Headteacher

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