

Dear Parents and carers,

Changes to the Governing Body

This evening we held our first virtual Governor meeting of the academic year. It was fantastic to hear in the Head Teachers report that the children have all returned happy , ready to learn and have adjusted well to the new Covid secure environment. There had been a good response from parents to the questionnaire issued at the end of last term which helped greatly in the preparation for bringing the children back so thank you to all who took part in that. Teachers are now working on a 'recovery curriculum' with significant focus on supporting the children's overall wellbeing as we navigate these strange Covid times.

We know that the teachers have worked and continue to work hard to ensure we provide a Covid secure environment for the children and we are hopeful that the whole school closures are now behind us !

Looking ahead, we wanted to notify you of some changes in the Governing Board. Steve Maker has stood down as a Governor after eight years. Steve's focus had always been on the supporting school sports and over his time as a Governor has provided fantastic insight in to grass routes funding and specifically in helping to promote football as well as a range of other sports. On behalf of the school and Governing Board, we would like to thank Steve for his time and commitment.

In addition, Steve Alcock (our long serving Chair) has also decided to tender his resignation at the end of this calendar year. Steve has worked with the school for eight years, the last four of which has been as the Chair. During his time on the Board, Steve has not only been an active face in the school and on the gate every Tuesday, behind the scenes he has been instrumental on our journey to become part of a multi academy trust. Without Steve's commitment, enthusiasm and support of Mrs Boyle, the process would no doubt still have been going on ! He has championed the school at every opportunity and to every village committee, and often frequented his 'office' at the Chequers to conduct such meetings. On behalf of the school and the rest of the Governors, I'd like to thank Steve for all his hard work and committed efforts during his time on the Board.

Going forward, the plan is that I (Kate) will Co-chair with Steve until the end of the year to allow for a full and thorough handover to take place with a view to taking the Chair fully from January. Steve is leaving large shoes to fill but I am excited to work with Mrs Boyle and the rest of the Board as the school completes it's first year as an Academy.

Finally, with two resignations, this leaves us reduced in number on our Governing Board, so we would welcome any new volunteers to join us. You don't have to be a parent or a carer, you just have to be someone who is enthusiastic and committed to the success of our children. If you'd like to have an informal chat about becoming a Governor and what it involves, please do either contact Steve or I through the school or I can quite often be seen on the morning drop off if you'd rather grab me in a socially distant manner then.

In the meantime, there are no further updates to be shared at this stage but as always, should you have any concerns or questions you would like to speak to the Governors about, please do get in touch.

Keep safe,

Kate and Steve – Co Chairs of Board of Governors