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To parents and carers at St. Joseph's

28th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know that from 14 September 2021, I have taken over from Paul Byron as Chair of Governors at St Joseph's. Paul has chaired the Local Governing Body (LGB) for many years and his contribution to the LGB and our school over this time has been invaluable. I hope that I will be able to emulate his achievements and can assure you of my whole hearted commitment to our school community.

On behalf of myself and all governors I would like to welcome you and the children back to a new school year at St Joseph's. An extra warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school.

The last eighteen months have been challenging for everyone. Adherence to government guidelines has meant continual change has been a factor of school life for such a long time. As governors we are aware of the enormous amount of work undertaken by Mrs Taylor-Bashford and all the staff to provide continuity of learning during this time. We also recognise that this was only possible with your understanding and patience. I would therefore like to thank you all for your tremendous support during very challenging times.

We start the new school year with high hopes for more settled and less restrictive times ahead. These new found freedoms will enable school to return to whole school assemblies, unrestricted playtimes and the re-introduction of fun activities and clubs for the children. All governors are especially looking forward to when we can commence our visits into school again.

As governors we are not only here to support Mrs Taylor-Bashford in fulfilling her duties as Headteacher but to act in the best interest of everyone at St Joseph's.

Further information about the role of the LGB and our governor profiles can be found on the 'About Us / Governors' tab of the school website.

We look forward to meeting you (as protocols allow) during the coming months.

Yours sincerely

(Lynn Cook, Chair of Governors)

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