



16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you following on from Anne Sargent's letter to introduce myself, explain what we as a Governing body do, and to let you know a little of what we are currently doing to both support the school and staff, and our plans moving forward.

As Anne has previously explained, I have taken on the role of Chair of Governors after Steve Wells has decided to step down. Steve has led the governors over the last seven years, helping the staff to steer the school in the right direction and influencing successes in our school across many areas.

I have worked with Steve and the Governing body for nearly four years and have two children at the school who will be moving into years 2 and 5 in September. This has given me an in-depth knowledge of the school and the amazing way the staff and parents make it so successful - both from a parent and a governor point of view.

The Governing body exists to serve four main purposes. For simplicity, these are to:

- **support the headteacher and all staff** and to alleviate as much pressure from their very busy work lives as possible.
- ensure the school has a **clear vision, direction, and ethos**
- hold the headteacher to account for the **educational success of the pupils and the school itself**
- to oversee the **financial performance of the school** in these very challenging times to ensure that the money the school receives is spent wisely.

You can find out more about us and what we do on the school website - and put some names to faces. Please feel free to chat to us when you see us at drop off and pick up times at school!

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the school over this year, but in particular, during the last four months which have been challenging and difficult for all the school community.

The staff have worked tirelessly since lockdown was announced back in March, adapting to all the new ways of working. This has included working through their holidays and late into the evenings to provide homework packs, making phone calls to pupils and parents, Zoom calls and assemblies with their classes, looking after our vulnerable and key workers' children whilst at the same time teaching Reception, Year 1 and year 6 during the day.

You as parents and carers have also adapted and risen to this extremely difficult challenge as well and I wanted to thank you on behalf of the governors and the school for your continuing support during this unsettling period.

Our school community is incredible, and it is when parents, carers and the school come together in times like this that it really shows, so **thank you**.

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I am looking forward to working with LSPS moving forward, including recruiting our next headteacher as our top priority, and I look forward to meeting and talking to you in September when we return to the 'new normal'.

I hope you have a good summer and Anne and I will, of course, update you all with any developments and news.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Pells

Chair of Governors.