



Dear Parents,

Monday 9th September 2019

On behalf of the Governors I would like to welcome you to the new school year, our first as Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely break, the children are hopefully rested and raring to go for the new year ahead. For those who are joining NJK this year, a very warm welcome to you all. I was in school last Wednesday morning and it was great to see so many pupils wearing the new school uniform and our new school sign.

Our first governors meeting this year is scheduled for the 18th September and we will be looking to revamp the structure of the Local Governing Body (LGB) to ensure its continued effectiveness in an ever-changing educational landscape. The role of the Governing Body is to work with the staff, parents, pupils, diocese and the local authority to help achieve the school's mission of:

Together, with love and joy, we will discover, develop and maximise potential

Over the last few months there have been a number of changes to the Local Governing Body of which I would like to take the opportunity to update you with and to express my gratitude to a few members who have decided to step down.

I would like to thank both Matt Nicholls and Cindy Hughes for their time and dedication to the LGB and for their continued support over that last few years to help the school realise the goal of becoming part of the AAT (Avonreach Academy Trust) and to gain Primary School status. I would also like to thank Cindy for her efforts in laying the groundwork for the new LGB structure that we will be introducing in September, with the aim of increasing the strength and effectiveness of the LGB.

I would also like to welcome an addition to the Governing body, Mike Goode. Mike comes on the board as a Co-Opted Governor and brings with him a wealth of experience (being a former Chair himself).

As always seems to be the case, last year was a busy one for the school. The introduction of Read, Write, Inc and GLOW Maths was a great success as well as maintaining aspirational achievement targets and continuing our core function of helping to drive the school from good towards outstanding.

At NJK we are fortunate to have a dedicated and committed GB that will endeavour to meet and overcome the challenges that face us as we enter a new era in the future of the school and the trust. So in addition to taking this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing support I would also like to briefly introduce them to you, trusting that some of the names at least will be familiar:



Julia Dean: Headteacher, ex-officio
Sarah Marshall: Staff Governor
Rev'd Mark Badger: Foundation Governor
Clare Morgan: Foundation Governor
James Hurley: Chair of Governors, Co-opted Governor
Jamie Stuart: Co-opted Governor
Andrew Longdon: Co-opted Governor
Mike Goode: Co-opted Governor
Claire Schaus: Parent Governor
Claire Coleman: Parent Governor
Philippa Stevens: Parent Governor
Mary Birch: Clerk

Please feel free to stop and chat with me any time that I am around school or please contact the school office. We are hoping to have a new email addresses for the GB up and running very soon on the new school website.

Many Thanks

James Hurley
Chair of Governors