



Hello Fellow Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well.

Firstly, I wanted to thank everyone who engaged and voted in the election of the parent elected governor. Clearly there was a significant feeling of wanting to help and support the school during that process, and I was humbled and honoured to have been voted to fill the role. I can assure you that I will do my very best during my future time as a Governor to help the school continue to support and develop our children to fully achieve their potential, and ensure that the school positions itself so that all stakeholders (including Ofsted) recognise the fantastic work that is done at the school by the teaching staff.

Our Chair, Mr Dickon Taylor, is writing separately to you to introduce himself and to explain our role in supporting the school. It has also been important that we discuss our role internally with the staff before expanding these communications to you as parents.

So far, we have had two Governor Meetings. The first of these was on 1 November 2017, and was in some ways this was only an initial meeting to set the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Governors, and discuss initial thoughts on the Ofsted report.

We have also held a second meeting on 30 November 2017. This was an all-afternoon meeting at the school, involving both a tour of the school to enable us to understand more of its history and culture, and also presentations to the teaching staff to allow them to understand our role and also offer an opportunity for them to ask questions of us

We then held a full governors' meeting that evening, where we discussed more of the details of the Ofsted report, and some actions that Mrs Atkins has already begun to put in place to remediate some of the concerns raised in the report.

All of these and other improvements will take some time to be fully implemented as we balance these with the excellent culture that the school has developed. However, as a parent I am encouraged that Mrs Atkins, Mrs Duckworth, and all the teaching staff, are taking personal responsibility to respond directly to the Ofsted recommendations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February next year, where Mrs Atkins will report to us on the further progress of the improvement plan.

I hope you all have a fantastic festive break.

John Coates  
Parent Elected Governor