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Dear Parents/Carers

I was very pleased to see just how quickly your children and our staff have adapted to the new school arrangements and we could almost feel the tingle of excitement when we opened our doors on that first day back.

Thank you everyone for co-operating with the staggered drop-off and pick-up times and for your wider understanding of the restrictions that we have in place, it all helps to keep everyone safe and Covid-19 at bay.

I would like to pay tribute to our leadership team, teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, office staff, play leaders and premises staff, all have been working very hard under what are sometimes very difficult and stressful conditions and yet have managed to create an atmosphere that is friendly, safe and effective for learning. Well done all and thank you.

We have had a few changes to governor positions and responsibilities; last year's chair, David Cain, has retired from the role and his hard work and dedication to the school will be missed by us all. Our new chair is me, Stuart James, and I can assure you that I will carry on where David left off and will help to ensure that our school is a safe and enjoyable place for your children to learn and develop the skills and knowledge that they will need as they embark on life's great and interesting journey.

Our new Vice Chair is Matthew Young, a parent with primary age children, and he is also enthusiastic about maintaining the excellent standards that our school continues to achieve.

We also have a new Safeguarding Governor, Stephen Jones. Stephen adds this role to the Health and Safety responsibility that he had last year and we are fortunate in that Stephen has wide experience of safeguarding matters from his career and will no doubt work effectively with the Safeguarding Lead at the school to keep our children safe.

The Covid-19 situation has highlighted the health needs of both staff and pupils and as Governing Board we are particularly focussing this year on staff and pupil mental health and general wellbeing. We recognise that if staff or pupils are over stressed, worried or just generally down, then learning is much less effective and can lead to unhappiness. The Governors don't want that and we will be doing whatever we can to keep the school a contented place to work and learn. I'm sure all parents and carers will support that objective.

We are living in interesting times but eventually things will return to normal, when they do it is entirely possible that the ways of working and learning that we having to adopt now may lead to more effective and enjoyable learning methods in future.

Best wishes and enjoy the autumn leaves.

Stuart James  
Chair of Governors