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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

I am writing for the first time as your Chair of Governors and to thank everyone at the school who has helped in and out of school in recent times. There has been a coincidence of challenge placed before us, with Mr Brown unable to be with us at present and several changes in the Governing Body coming at the same time as our work in response to Ofsted last September was gathering pace. Indeed, congratulations are due to all our staff and Year 6 pupils for a really strong and improving performance in the KS2 SATs!

I need to recognise and appreciate the work of our former Chair of Governors, Lynn Comer who served the school for many years and worked tirelessly for the community alongside other members of the Governing Body who have now completed their time with us; Peter Warry, Martyn Stoakes and Tobie Abel who have each given a great deal to the school and we thank them.

With these changes we now have vacancies, not least for a Parent Governor, and for possible Co-opted Governors. Please check our website for the Parent Governor information and consider whether you or a work colleague or contact might be interested in joining us.

There are roughly 4 early evening meetings a term and a couple of visits in school time expected of Governors. We are keen to add to our current combination of experience by recruiting people with knowledge of Charity trusteeship or management, of HR processes or Procurement or project and site/estate management.

Previous experience of being a Governor would be helpful but is not essential and there is training offered in school accountability, understanding data for performance and financial monitoring. Whilst we have those areas covered, it will strengthen our group if we can add more of those experience areas to our number.

Ofsted Number: 121283 Chair of Governors: Mr John Kesterton

Headteacher: Mr Dave Brown Acting Headteacher: Miss Nicola Jones Assistant Headteacher: Mr George Gardiner

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As you know, Miss Jones is leading the staff while Mr Brown is absent, we hope he will not be away for too long and need to keep up the good work started last year. In the meantime, I will be in school as much as possible and will meet many of you as the term goes on and only ask that we keep working hard, that we keep attendance up to 100% and give all our pupils and staff full support in their learning. Let's prove together that "better never stops".

John Kesterton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kesterton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the word "John".

Chair of Governors

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