



Dear Families,

2nd March 2023

RE: New Chair of Governors

I wanted to take a moment to let you all know of some changes that have recently occurred in the governing board. As with all organisations we are constantly evolving and with this in mind I have recently taken over from Gerry as Chair of Governors in preparation for his governing term to end in the summer, when he will resign. This has been over a year in planning, however the board is very sad to lose Gerry and his wealth of experience. Gerry has volunteered as a governor for 8 years and has been chair for 7 of those. The role is often demanding and thankless at times but Gerry has always put the school, and especially the children, first throughout his time as Chair. Therefore, I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the board and the school for everything he has done for our little community.

I have served on the governing board alongside Gerry for over 7 years, much of that time as chair of the environment committee and more recently as vice chair. We are a varied board, with lots of different experience so I take on this new role surrounded by a brilliant team and collectively we always want the best for the pupils, staff and community at Catcott school.

Much of the governing boards work happens behind the scenes covering a wide range of things from strategy, planning and performance management through to budgeting, curriculum and standards. Decisions are always taken as a collective so a change in chair will not have a noticeable difference to daily life at Catcott. However, that being said I can always be contacted through the school office if you need me, and our minutes are published on the school website if you'd like to know more.

One thing I would like to highlight in this message to you all is how important volunteers are to your school and how in order to do everything we would like and give our children the best experience, we need more volunteers. Whether this is on the governing board, or fundraising for new equipment or activities for your children with the PTA, or coming in each week to read with a child. We need you! Therefore, if you, your friends, grandparents or cousins

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff share this commitment. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of child please speak directly to Mrs Constanza (DSL) or Miss Lintern (DDSL).

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have a little bit of time, and want to support us in building an even better school please get in touch with the office to let us know.

Best wishes to all,

Lisa Carter