



23 September 2022

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter find you all well.

As the school opens for the new academic year, I would like to welcome back all the children and teaching staff, and a special welcome to all our new children starting nursery and reception and wish them all well on the start of their journey with us at Stopsley.

I, and all the governors look forward to meeting you, as parents and carers and all the children as we start conducting our visits to the school this term. The most rewarding part of being a governor is visiting and meeting with the children and teaching staff in the learning environment.

Normally the Chair of Governors letter would contain details of our children's progress and attainment, to give you, as parents and carers an overview of the school's performance. Rest assured I will be writing again with all the details.

Before I became a parent governor in 2017, the role of the governing body was a mystery to me, I am sure it may well be to you too. So, I wanted to finish by highlighting just a few activities we as a governing body carry out:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
- Overseeing financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

I hope that gives you a little idea of the breadth and depth of the governing body's involvement behind the scenes. Fundamentally, the role of the governing body is a strategic one linked to helping the school to deliver on its vision and promise to grow our children into happy and respectful, lifelong learners.

If you see me, or any of the governors at the school please come and talk to us, as we would like to hear your views.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Coppin
Chair of Governors

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