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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a number of changes to our Governing Body I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors, and the other governors, new and old. There is also a piece below regarding the new fencing and gates from our governor responsible for safeguarding, Helena Walker.

I am a past pupil of the school and a member of Holy Trinity with St Mark Church. About two years ago I volunteered to be a Foundation Governor for the school; I saw this as an opportunity to give something back to a school and community that has been a part of my family for over forty years. I am passionate about the school and its ethos, so much so that we moved back to the area to ensure our children would be able to come to the school. It is always a pleasure to walk through school and see all of the children fully engaged and enjoying their learning. Their behaviour always amazes me, as does their commitment and enthusiasm in whole school worship - a highlight of my visits. I look forward to supporting the staff in their efforts to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian beliefs and practice.

Safeguarding – Helena Walker

As a Governor (and parent) I know we all wish for the same thing: a happy, safe, secure place of learning where our children can thrive. With this in mind, we have all noticed the changes to the school premises that have been carried out over the summer break. The new fencing system on both sites, the removal of the tall trees on the Trinity site, more parking bays added both on Trinity site and on Upsall Grove, a walkway through to Nursery, and a post box in the front reception for messages on our Trinity site (regularly checked throughout the day) and a drop box for forgotten items, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. being the most visible and significant changes.

As with all changes, some of niggles that have arisen include getting used to the timing of, and indeed the now locked gates through the day on both sites. But overall, the benefits for a safe and secure place of learning for our children are uppermost when these decisions are first discussed in light of schools in terms of safeguarding their premises. A visible benefit of school traffic parking in the morning has been the less congested flow of parents/carers on the Trinity site, now able to see their children into the premises quickly and leave again. Another safety aspect clearly seen has been the marked walkway access areas during school hours, (to the Church, to Nursery, Boomerang Pre-School or into the main reception areas of both sites) these are now completely separate from where the children play at breaktime, lunchtime and outdoor PE. The Nursery and Boomerang Pre-School (with its differing times for pick up and drop off) has now completely separate access to Rosehill site.

The school has carried out a fire alarm drill this month to ensure the new gate system allows for timely exiting from all classrooms onto the designated areas for registers to be taken, and designated staff are fully prepared for opening and closing gates in the event of a real fire.

The Governing Body

All of the Governors below are volunteers who are passionate about the children and the school; it is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. The role of the Governing Body is to provide strategic leadership

and accountability in our school. Governors set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. We monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to our Head Teacher, Mrs Swift. There are five categories of Governor, Foundation (appointed by the PCC or Diocese), Local Authority, Parent, Staff and Associate.



We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Himsworth
Chair of Governors

Head Teacher: Mrs A Swift
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