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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be stepping down as Chair of Governors and from the Governing Body altogether at the end of this academic year in July 2025.

Holding the role has been a really significant and fulfilling part of my life, not just in a governance role but as a parent too. With three daughters who attend the school, I've always felt deeply invested in its success, not only for my own children but for every child who walks through the school gates.

Over the past five years as Chair, I've had the privilege of working alongside a committed and passionate team to help lead the school through a period of real growth and development. Our pupil numbers have grown to nearly the maximum we can accommodate, this is a real credit to our school strategy. We've redeveloped the school building to make it more welcoming and inspiring, culminating in the long-overdue renewal of the school yard which is a significant capital investment for the school, but one that when complete will truly enrich children's daily experience of school life for years to come.

We've also restructured the senior leadership team to introduce a multi-level leadership model, which has strengthened the school's capacity and future direction. I was proud to support the school through a successful Ofsted inspection, where we were recognised as "Good" and to be involved in the recruitment and appointment of a new Headteacher in Mr Routledge, an important milestone in the school's journey. We've gone from having no wraparound care to offering full provision, supporting working families and creating new opportunities for pupils beyond the school day.

But more importantly, I've had the privilege to watch our children grow. To witness first hand fulfilling and challenging lessons which enthuse our children and give them the skills to blossom as they make their way to High School, this has been the most rewarding part of the role.

Making the decision to step down wasn't easy, but it feels like the right time to pass the baton on. I'm confident that the school is in safe hands, with a strong and experienced leadership team and a committed group of governors to carry on the work we've started.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone—parents, carers, staff, pupils and governors for your support, trust and collaboration over the years. It's been an honour to serve a school that plays such a special role in our community and in the lives of so many children, including my own.

With warmest wishes,
Philip Watters
Chair of Governors