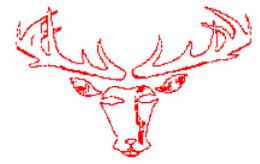


# Ascot Heath CE Junior School

Head of School: Samuel Browne



11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

At our Governing Board meeting last Thursday, I was honoured to be elected by my fellow governors to Chair the Governing Board. I was equally delighted that Anika Raithatha was re-elected to Vice-Chair. Following this meeting, I am sad to announce that Mrs Camille Jeffs has decided to resign from the board of governors. I would like to offer my gratitude to Camille for the 3 years of dedicated service, particularly over the last year as chair in which she helped to guide the school through a series of challenging situations. We have all benefitted from her commitment to working with all members of the school community to strive to achieve the very best outcomes for our children, and she will be missed by the Governing Body. I would also like to offer thanks to Matt Stewart, Steve Buck and Andy Suddons who also stepped down from the Governing Board over the summer period. Their contributions have been helpful in supporting our school to move forward.

I am sure you will all agree that the process of school improvement started swiftly this year, with Mr Browne and Mrs Bates making subtle changes to our communication, behaviour and curriculum policies / procedure to build strongly on the platform we have and deliver on our ambition for the school to be outstanding. In addition, teachers are now available outside after school to answer questions and governors will be available on the gate one morning a week to answer concerns / questions. However, if you have any strategic concerns that you would like to raise with governors, then please don't hesitate to email [governors@ascotheathcejunior.co.uk](mailto:governors@ascotheathcejunior.co.uk) or leave a message for me at the school office.

I hope to get to know as many of you as I can and I will always strive to be open and accessible to you all. I strongly believe that schools are a central part of their local community and it is only by us working closely together with our families and other local agencies that we will do the very best by the young people whose education each of you have entrusted us with.

I am conscious that we are in changing times but I am confident that if everyone involved in our school work together for the best outcomes for the young people in our charge, we will not only navigate through it, we will succeed and transform lives in the process. I am very proud of all of our pupils and staff, and I am committed to making them and our community proud of our school and the governing board I am now fortunate enough to be leading.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact myself or our clerk Jackie Frew as we currently have a couple of vacancies. It is a challenging, but rewarding role in which you have a very real opportunity to make a significant difference for the children of our school.

Kind regards,

John Leitch, Chair of Governors