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*Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.*

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

11.3.21

Re: Governing Board

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I must announce some resignations from the Governing Board.

Over the years, our passionate and committed Chair, Guy Cooper, has dedicated an inordinate number of hours to the strategic direction of the school (and later, the federation).

He has supported staff and pupils through external inspections (both Ofsted, and for Goldsborough, SIAMS) and more recently, the challenges that Covid-19 has brought to education. His support has been unwavering during this time.

Sue Callinan has also been a Governor for a long time, offering expertise in the financial aspects of school life. Her extensive knowledge has been second to none and her astute financial prowess has been vital when navigating budget cuts.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Guy and Sue for their un-relenting dedication to the federation and wish them well in the next stage of their life away from school.

New Governing Board Structure

Following a meeting last night, I am delighted to announce that we were able to restructure the roles of the existing Governors.

We are very lucky that each of our Governors brings a wealth of personal experience to their role; it is due to the strength of their collective expertise that we were able to adopt a forward-thinking plan so quickly. Our Governors will work collaboratively, each focusing on particular strategic aspects of Governance to continue to build on the current strengths of the board.

David Blackshaw-Howell and Cerys Townend will work together as co-chairs until the end of the academic year and Reverend Stroma McDermott will be utilising 25 years of experience as an accountant to oversee the financial aspects of Governance, along with our Local Authority Bursar. The roles will be reviewed in September 2021.

Jules Clegg will continue as our Safeguarding Governor and Jenny Mills will be responsible for SEND and vulnerable learners.

Please visit the school website to find out more about our Governors.

<https://www.sicklinghallprimary.co.uk/information/federation-governing-board>

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We are very much looking forward to the next chapter of Governance, ensuring the very best education for our children.

Yours Sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Governing Board Co-chairs