



Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Mayfield Primary School. My association with the school began in 1998 when my daughter started in Reception Class, followed by my son in 2001. I spent several very enjoyable years on the MAPS Committee and eventually, with changes in my working arrangements, I was able to offer my services as a parent helper in class. In the aftermath of the fire I became aware of the involvement of governors in helping the school's recovery and decided to stand for election to the Governing Body in 2006.

I have been the Link Governor for Foundation Stage and for SEN for several years now and they are both very rewarding roles. I have also been Chair of the Premises Committee for a number of years - this committee currently oversees our beautiful new building and recently has expanded its health and safety remit to include issues of pupil welfare such as equality and attendance (and has been renamed 'Premises and Pupil Wellbeing' to reflect this). I am also regularly involved in recruiting teachers, TAs and other staff, which I consider to be a great privilege and I like to think that between us we have selected some excellent people over the years!

I am stepping into the role of Chair at an excellent time after our very pleasing Ofsted Inspection which graded us 'good' in all areas, testament to the hard work of Mrs Hill and all of her staff, teaching and non-teaching. Most importantly we demonstrated the potential to continue improving and there will be no sitting back on our laurels as we continue to strive for 'Outstanding' across the board. It isn't all about academic achievement, we are proud of our reputation for valuing all of our children, celebrating our diversity and aiming to nurture happy, well-rounded and responsible pupils.

I am lucky enough to see children around school regularly as I work with some pupils on reading skills and I am looking forward to meeting with parents and carers at school events. I can always be reached via the School Office should anybody wish to contact me directly.

With very best wishes for a happy and successful new school year.

Judith Greenwood

