



28th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second half of the term at Mayfield. There is much to look forward to as the school embarks on its busy programme and as always there will be plenty of events and activities to brighten up the shortening autumn days. Keep your eye on the Parent Newsletter for notices and details.

Earlier in the term, I was elected Chair of the Governing Body, replacing Judith Greenwood who had served for six years. Judith has done a great job and I have worked closely with her over the last three years. I have learned much about the school and how everything works and fits together. She will remain on the Governing Body for some time yet and I know I can count on her advice and support when I need it.

I have worked in education for many years as a teacher of languages in secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Cambridge, London and Essex, in both the independent and maintained sector. I have been a head of department, a careers lead, a deputy head and a headteacher, so I understand schools from a variety of perspectives. I continue to work as an independent education consultant, performing a variety of advisory and training roles in a number of different schools and in adult education.

I became a governor at Mayfield in 2016 and I have really enjoyed the last three years working with the governor team. Our Heads are now in their second year and it has impressed the governors to see how they have developed the model of co-headship to enable them to take the School forward in every way. Their ideas are both inspiring and well considered and they have the courage to make change with the best interests of the children at the heart of every decision they make. We look forward to seeing the impact of these innovations in the coming years and we welcome parent feedback on how you see the development of your children's education.

We are all aware that these are very challenging times in education, with increasing responsibilities for schools and limited funding. Society is changing and presents schools with a range of new social issues; the rapid development of electronic technology and social media is just one example. It is hard for both parents and schools to stay ahead of these changes and to continue to educate our children thoughtfully, so that they are able to cope with the world into which they will grow. Mayfield will continue to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for all our children; parental support is vital to the success of any school and we feel that we have a strong relationship with our parents and carers which helps us to thrive.

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting many of you and working with you to support this excellent school. If you would like to work even more closely with us, you might consider joining the Governing Body. At present we have some vacancies and I would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested about what the work of a governor entails. It is a really rewarding thing to do and gives

insight into the school at a much deeper level. If this is of interest to you, please contact Louise O’Gorman, Clerk to the Governing Body on logorman@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk

With best wishes for a successful and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Chaudhri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Anna Chaudhri

You can contact me at the school through the Clerk to the Governing Body