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From the School Governing Body

Dear Parents/Carers

As we start the new academic year, I would like to introduce myself as the recently appointed Chair of Governors for Whaplode CofE Primary School.

For those that don't know me my name is Chris Mackman and I currently have a daughter in year 4. I originally joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor in 2014. I took on the role of Vice Chair in 2015 and at the recent Full Governing Body meeting I accepted the nomination to become Chair of Governors. Professionally I work as a Sales Manager for R W Marsh (Claas), at Sleaford.

Other members of the governing body are:

Mrs Ines Hooper (Vice Chair), Foundation Governor  
Mrs Vanessa Cook, Foundation Governor  
Mrs Nicky Jennings, Co-Opted Governor  
Mrs Emma Adie, Staff Governor  
Mrs Alison Flack, Head Teacher  
Ms Tania Barton, Local Education Authority Governor  
Mrs Sue Roberts, Co-Opted Governor  
Mrs Michelle Roffe, Parent Governor  
Rev'd Barbara Hutchinson, Foundation Governor  
Mrs Shelley Rix, Clerk to Governors

We currently have two Co-Opted Governor vacancies on our Governing Body. If any of you think you would be interested in joining the Governing Body in this important role and in supporting the school please let either myself or the Clerk to Governors know, this can be done via the school office.

As Governors we become involved with a variety of issues including finance, pupil welfare, curriculum, policies, building/grounds maintenance and staff appointments. However, without a doubt, we consider that our most important role is to ensure the welfare and education of the pupils.

Over the next few months I would like to raise the profile of the governing body and would like to hold some 'Meet the Governors' coffee mornings. In the coming weeks we will be introducing a new page to the school website which will include the outcomes of Governor monitoring visits.



As always the success of our school is not only down to the staff and pupils but also the involvement and participation of parents and carers. If you have any suggestions for improvements, topics you would like to understand further or discuss then please get in touch, either the teaching staff, Governing Body and I will ensure you get an appropriate response.

I would like to thank our previous Chair of Governors, Mr Joe Roulstone for his support and commitment to the school and to the Governing Body.

Lastly, I hope that these first few weeks of the Autumn term have been calm and happy for your children and that those who were new in September have now settled in comfortably.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Mackman  
Chair of Governors