



Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School

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Easter update from the Governing Board

Hello everyone

First I would like to thank staff, the PTFA and other stakeholders, who have all worked so hard for the school over the last few months. Well done!

There has been some change and uncertainty over the last term and I would like to update you on several matters.

Head Teacher: Mrs Clare Tilling was appointed interim Executive Head in January as Mrs Nolan has taken leave for personal reasons. We will retain Clare's services as Executive Head over the coming term. I would like to thank Clare and the Governing Board of her own school, St. White's in Cinderford, for their support. Clare has been doing an excellent job leading the school for us since she was appointed and as such we have signed a partnership agreement with St. White's. This formalises the arrangement, providing leadership support and allowing us to share certain resources to the benefit of both schools.

Government Academisation policy: The government's recent education white paper confirmed the policy for all schools to become part of a Multi-Academy Trust by 2030. We explored this option in 2018 but did not proceed with it then. The Governing Board will review that decision this term as part of a fresh look at our governance and leadership structure. But please be assured that no changes will be made without first consulting staff, parents and the wider community to determine the best way forward for our school.

Governing Board membership: I am pleased to tell you that we have welcomed two new members to the Governing Board: Mr Vaughan Castell, a Year 4 parent who brings with him a wealth of experience of school infrastructure and facilities management; and Mrs Linda James, who many of you will know as a recent former member of staff at Newnham and who will bring invaluable insight to our drive to improve Teaching and Learning outcomes for children across the school. An explanation of Governing Board membership and structure is attached. We still have vacancies so please feel free to contact me for a conversation if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions (e-mail Chair@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk).

Regards,

Matt

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Chair of Governors

Newnham St. Peter's Governance Structure (28 March 2022)

