



All Saints Church of England (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

On Friday 9th November 2018 Governors received a document signed by a number of parents expressing their lack of confidence in the current Chair of Governors. The document outlined a number of concerns and cited evidence collected during the school's most recent monitoring visit.

We took this document very seriously, and discussed the contents at length at a meeting of the full governing board on Tuesday 13th November. This was chaired by the Vice Chair of Governors whilst the Chair left the meeting. Following the discussion a unanimous vote of support for the Chair of Governors was made. The Governors wish to make it clear that we understand the concerns raised and we are working collaboratively to take the necessary steps to further improve the school.

Immediately after the most recent monitoring visit a Post Ofsted Improvement Committee was formed on the initiative of the Chair of Governors. This committee is responsible for monitoring the school action plan which was also reviewed and updated in September. Members of the committee visit school weekly to work alongside school leaders and to ensure that the necessary actions are being taken. A significant area of responsibility of this committee is exploring the impact of actions taken by school leaders, and ensuring that they are held rigorously to account.

As you are aware, the Governors successfully recruited a new Executive Headteacher who has been able to support the school during Mrs Yates' recent absence. Mrs Parton has already made some significant changes to the school procedures and policies which are having a positive impact on the quality of teaching and learning. She is also spending significant amounts of her time in the classroom to ensure that the teaching staff are aware of the improvements required of them and to provide the ongoing support necessary to facilitate their development.

While we understand the distress and frustration of the families who clearly want the best for their children, we would like to assure you that action to improve the school is being taken. Mrs Parton will be arranging an open evening in the new year allowing families to look around the school and discuss actions being taken with school leaders and Governors.

Yours faithfully,

Caroline Farmer & Mark Trumper
Co-Vice Chairs of Governors