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Round Oak School has “created an ethos of purpose, care and dedication to pupils” – rated a good school by Ofsted (2018)

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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

It has now been two weeks since I wrote to you advising that Warwickshire County Council had disbanded the former governing board and set-up an Interim Executive Board (IEB). Although it is still very early days, I thought that a quick note on progress would be helpful.

These first two weeks have really been about getting to know the school and beginning to understand the issues that need to be addressed. My colleagues on the board and I have spent some time looking at previous minutes of meetings and have met with Warwickshire County Council officials to understand their concerns in more detail. I have also spent time at the school with Kate Stevens and her senior team and met with the former Chair and previous Chair of the old governing board – Trevor Wilson and Jeremy Roche. I am grateful to them for their time and their insights.

The IEB have commenced a Staff Survey to get an accurate picture of how teachers, teaching assistants and support staff at the school feel about working at the school now. We have also quickly recognised that a lot more needs to be done to engage effectively with parents, to share information about what is going on, to build a sense of sharing in the educational progress of your child and to build a wider school community. We think that we need to undertake a parent survey to establish a similar parent view position of opinion now but understand that in the summer you were asked to complete two separate surveys. This might give us what we need as we don't want survey overload. I will drop you a further line if we decide to progress this.

In the interim the IEB would be really interested in hearing from you. So, if there is anything you would like to tell us about your experiences of the school, please drop a note into reception marked confidential for my attention. I also hope to bump into some of you at drop-off and pick-up. I am always happy to hear from you about how Round Oak is for you and for your child.

On that note, one of the ways that parents, grandparents and carers can get involved in the school is through the Parent and Teacher Friends Association (PTFA). I was disappointed to hear from Kate that the Association has had to be temporarily suspended due to lack of parental involvement. A thriving parent teacher association is one of the signs of a thriving school so, if you have any time that you can give to the school, please let Kate or one of the team know. The Association has done great work in the past bringing in funds that has enabled the school to do so much more with the children and young adults, enriching their time at the school.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards,
Ian

