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Dear Parents/Carers,

At our first meeting this term the Governing Board agreed an 'Open Meeting Protocol', which means that individual parents, members of staff or the community who are interested in our work can ask to attend a meeting as an observer. We still have a vacancy for a parent governor, so if you are thinking about becoming a governor, please ask to come and observe a meeting by emailing [spowell32.306@lgflmail.org](mailto:spowell32.306@lgflmail.org) or writing to the Governing Board c/o the school office. **You will be very welcome.**

One of the observers at our February meeting, Ben Rodin, has now become a co-opted governor.

This term Governors have been involved in discussions about the Local Authority feasibility study looking at the best ways of developing our building for the long term. We are also looking forward to a half day in-school training session where the staff will help us to learn more about the Red Gates Pathways and the curriculum that the staff plan and deliver to provide the best learning opportunities for our children.

One of our core strategic tasks is to ensure that the school's finances are well managed, and so this term we are completing an annual financial 'health check' report which must be sent to the Local Authority to give assurance that the school has secure financial management in place.

If you would like to know more about what

we do, or if you have questions about the Governing Board, we would like to hear from you.

Chair of Governors

**PROFILE: Gillian Francey**

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My name is Gillian Francey and I am one of the Co-opted Governors, elected in 2017. I am currently on maternity leave from my job working as a transformation manager in the retail sector. I first heard about the role of Governors through a presentation at work, and felt that it was something I would enjoy and could use my work experience in. Over the last 2 years, I've also been able to attend courses to help me to be effective as a School Governor and keep up to date with what is happening in the education.

Last year I worked on a committee to review the structure of the administration team and then recruit new staff. This really helped me to understand more about the school and how it operates. It has been very exciting to see the new Head Teacher and School Business Manager in place and the great work they are doing with the rest of the school team. We get regular updates from them at our meetings and discuss how we can work together to make improvements to help all the children I am looking forward to getting more involved with the team over the coming months and spending some time in the classrooms next term.



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