



**Bishop Road Primary School
Governing Body**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Like us, I am sure that you are amazed to find yourselves at the start of another summer holiday. When the staff and children returned to school in September, we were cautiously hopeful that this might be the year when normality returned. And so it did. And wasn't it wonderful?

As we approach the end of this school year it is always good to take the time to reflect on just how much has happened over the last 11 months. Scrolling through the school blog, it was lovely to remind ourselves what fun the children have had. Taking delight in all the activities and events that used to seem a matter of routine but which none of us will ever take for granted again. Talking with parents, particular highlights were the jubilee celebrations and the end of year performances.

We also want to take this opportunity to advise you of some changes to the governing body. After 11 years as a governor and 3 years as Co-Chair, I (Dara) will be stepping down this summer. It's been a privilege to serve as a governor and to have helped the school as it continued to grow and excel. There have been some challenges and successes along the way, but I believe that the school has improved year on year over the past 16 years that I have been a parent at Bishop Road. This is in no small part due the hard work and dedication of the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body and I would like to personally thank them for all their support and collaboration during my time as a governor.

I (Lorraine) will continue as Chair of Governors, supported by Justin Vafadari, Vice-Chair and all our other dedicated governors. The school has a strong governing body, but we do need new members. To bring different perspectives to the group, we would particularly like to attract governors willing to contribute their time and skills without having children at the school. If you know anyone in the local community who might be interested in supporting us, please ask them to get in touch with our clerk clerkbishoprdp@bristol-schools.uk.

Last, and by no means least, we want to recognise everyone who has contributed to the success of this regenerative year. To all of you, our parents and carers, who gave the school the support it needed during the most testing of times and then enthusiastically returned to enjoy the highlights of the school calendar; to our PTFA, who never gave up and this year came back with a bang, reinstating all of the events that we so sorely missed; to our children, who have worked so hard and achieved so much; and finally, to our staff, who are the ones that make it all happen! A heartfelt 'thank you' to you all.

Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Dara Ely

Co-Chairs of Governors



Mrs Lorraine Woodward

