

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parent and Carers

Local Governing Body

I am writing to inform you that after many years on the governing body, the Chair, Mark Longson, has taken the difficult decision to stand down.

As a school community, we would like to pass on our immense gratitude to Mark for all the time and energies he has put in to supporting our school during his tenure.

Previously the Vice-Chair, Gordon Kneller has now been appointed as the Chair. Gordon wanted to put on record his, and the governing body's gratitude to Mark.

'Mark joined the governing body in April 2013 and by November that year found himself elected as Chair due to the illness of his predecessor. During the early stage of Mark's tenure as Chair, government legislation passed additional responsibility to schools, including financial and personnel functions as well as more traditional academic functions. Mark led the reorganisation of subcommittees to manage the new set of responsibilities and chaired many of the committees himself until governors with appropriate skills took on those roles. More recently Mark worked with other governors and headteachers to transition the school into an academy as part of the QEGSMAT, seeing much of the responsibility for finance assumed by the MAT. The governing body would like to pass on their immense gratitude to Mark for his leadership and hard work over the last six years or so. It has been a pleasure to work with Mark and benefit from his experience. We wish him and his family a happy, healthy and successful future.'

Mark wanted us to pass on his words to the school community.

'Whilst this has not been an easy decision to come to, I feel that this is the right time for someone else to aid the school into a new season of continued success, as part of the whole school leadership team. Serving the school as a governor has been a huge privilege and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole staff, governors, QEGSMAT and of course the children, whose tireless hard work and dedication have seen the school continue to grow and achieve the successes it richly deserves. Most importantly, the nurturing, caring, Christian family atmosphere that my own children benefitted from, remains at the heart of every area of school life and is testament to the values the school is built upon. Thank you all, every blessing for the future.'

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor. During the Summer Term, several parents expressed an interest in joining the governors, but we would now like to open this up so that new parents to the school are also given the opportunity. Please contact Gordon Kneller (Kneller.G1@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk) if you would like to volunteer to become a governor.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Wood
Headteacher

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