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'Recognising every person is precious to God, our vision is to provide an excellent Catholic education.'

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Columba's

I wanted to let you all know that with effect from the end of this school year, I will be stepping down as Chair of Governors after nearly 25 years as a Foundation governor and latterly as Chair. I am delighted to say that Helen Halewood has been elected as Chair by Governors and assumes the role from September 2019.

This has been a very busy year for everyone. We wish the best of luck for the year 6 children who will be continuing their educational journey at their new secondary schools. We hope that whilst there they continue to thrive and prepare for both their future careers and lives. We are also looking forward to meeting the new reception children as they start their educational journey with us in September. All the children throughout the whole school have worked incredibly hard this year and we hope they have a restful and relaxing break so that they are all ready to learn again in September!

In addition to the pupils that are leaving, we are also saying a sad goodbye to some of our teachers who have shown the utmost dedication and care for your children. We wish the best of luck for their future endeavours to Lizzie Goff and Rosie Mason. A lot of the work they do goes unnoticed with their dedication to your children through planning, marking and supporting extracurricular activities. We also wish Mrs Markham a fond farewell and a big thank you, who is also leaving us to return to St Joseph's Catholic Primary school as Headteacher.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I am pleased to inform you that after rigorous interview processes, we have appointed Mrs Anna Gautrey as Head, Mrs Sarah Tolson as Deputy Head and Mrs Caroline Ramsden as Assistant Head. Their new posts will commence in September. The new Senior Leadership Team will carry on the journey to good and then onto an outstanding Ofsted rating, continuing the excellent work carried out by Mrs Markham.

The Governing Board would like to thank all the staff for their enthusiasm, dedication, hard work and commitment to the school. This includes teaching, support, administration, caretaking and lunchtime staff. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team working for the benefit of all our children.

Once again Governors have been extremely busy throughout the year giving up their time on a purely voluntary basis to fulfil various roles. So, "I would, personally, like to thank the Governing Board for all their support and commitment that they have all given to St Columba's School during this last year".

Jane Holdsworth
Chair of Governors

