



## End of Term Governor Letter

As the academic year comes to an end, we reflect on a year of unprecedented disruption and uncertainty within the work, school and home settings. We have needed to learn new homeschooling skills, accept that our children are more IT literate than we are, and received more messages from Seesaw than from our friends and family.

During this time, your Governors continued to uphold our commitment of placing the children at the heart of all our discussions and actions. Typically we would complete school visits, talk to teachers, parents, and children to ensure that we are offering the very best opportunities to enable the children to flourish and shine in our school. The pandemic has made this more challenging; but I can assure you that we have not veered away from our commitment, as we moved to the new normal of online Teams meetings to deliver our support and governance remotely. There is no fun in repeatedly asking Mrs Hopkins to unmute, so we all look forward to a more physical school presence when we return after the summer break.

When we do return, our focus as Governors will be to support the school in delivering the School Development Plan; a workplan of activity we draft each year to ensure high standards of teaching and support offered to our children. We are confident this has set an exciting programme of activity for when the children return after the summer holidays, and before the year-end we also hope to have our new school hall completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Governors and all the staff associated with Waltham school for their hard work and dedication over the past year. There have undoubtedly been some bumps along the way, but I have nothing but respect for the level of professionalism and adaptability in the face of so many different challenges. Thanks also to all our parents and carers for all your support and patience over the past year. I wish you all a well-deserved holiday.

Finally, my time as Chair of Governors has come to an end. Our vice-chair, Anna Butler, will be taking the hot seat and I would like to wish her well in her role as Chair. I will remain as a Governor and continue to support, and where necessary, positively challenge the school to be the very best.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Nigel Smith  
Chair of Governors

**“Let your light shine” (Matthew 5:16)**

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