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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to write to you all with the February 2019 edition of our Governor Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the new governors that have joined the school this year and will be working with the Governing Body to achieve this year's goals for the school community. The Governing Body is now complete, allowing us to get on with this year's objectives.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of the Governor Newsletter.

Leanne Gardiner

Update – Your New Governors

Sumuhan Umamaheswarampillai



Sumuhan Umamaheswarampillai is currently working as a Mobile app developer for Sainsbury's. Previously he was working as a Software developer in Sri Lanka.

He lives in High Wycombe with his wife and two kids. He has a son in TGMS and a daughter in TGFS.

Richard Dawtry



Richard is a Chartered Surveyor with over 19 years of commercial property experience. He currently

works for a national firm of property consultants, as the Lead Partner. He advises on

all manner of property ranging from schools to multi-let industrial estates and recently acquired a site in Chalvey, Slough on behalf of LocatEd and Slough Borough Council which is to become the new Grove Academy. Richard also sits on a charity committee 'The 100 Property Club', which donated over £20,000 within the last 12 months to special needs schools. Richard lives in Tylers Green with his wife and three children, the youngest of which is currently in Reception at TGFS, one at TGMS and one at Beaconsfield High School.

Veronica Cozens



Veronica is one of the two new staff governors on the Governing Body. Prior to becoming a Teacher, she has experience as a

teaching assistant in mainstream and special needs schools, as well as working in respite services in her spare time. Veronica has previously taught in schools across West Hertfordshire, West London and also in High Wycombe, before joining the team at Tylers Green First School in 2014. She is in her fifth year in Reception at TGFS.

Saila Iltaf



Saila is one of the two new staff governors on the Governing Body. She is currently working as a year 2 Teacher at TGFS. This is her third year of teaching year 2.

As a Governor she wishes to support the school and enhance the learning opportunities for children. Saila lives in High Wycombe and also

volunteers at a local rainbows unit on a weekly basis.

Toby Dysterre-Clark



Toby joined the Governing Body this year as one of our new Governors. He has a daughter at TGFS and wanted to support the school in meeting the developmental needs of the children. He is a qualified solicitor with previous experience of working in Hong Kong and the City. As a Governor, he is able to use and apply his knowledge for the benefit of the school and is involved in the finance and data protection committees.

Caroline Element



Caroline is a mum to twin boys, who joined TGFS in Reception September 2018. She also has a teenage daughter. She moved to Tylers Green in 2015. Caroline works as a Chartered Accountant and has worked for Lloyd's of London specialising in Financial Planning & Analysis and has also worked for Catlin Plc, Beazley Plc and Liberty Mutual Group. Caroline wanted to be actively involved with our school and is looking forward to supporting the Governing Body to achieve the school's ambitions.

Beth Pitron



Beth Pitron recently joined the Governing Body for the second time having previously served when her four boys were at the school. She is currently working as a teaching assistant at TGFS having just returned from three years living in America and volunteering at The British School of Chicago. Before working in education, Beth was with Marks and Spencer on their graduate scheme as a commercial manager and she also worked in Training and Development for United Biscuits.

Beth lives in the village with her husband and four boys.

Our new Vice Chair of Governors

Our current Vice Chair, **Nicola James** term ends in March 2019. We would like to thank Nicola for all of her valuable contributions in the past 2 years as Vice-Chair, we are truly appreciative of all the support you have provided the school!

I am delighted that **Nicola Wells**, one of our current Governors has agreed to take on the role of Vice-Chair for the coming year. Please join me in welcoming her to her new role.

Thanks to our outgoing Governors

I would like to thank our outgoing Governors **Eira Phillips** and **Nicola James** for their valued contributions as Governors for the last 4 years. Their terms end in March 2019 and we are very grateful for all their valuable contributions to our school during this time.

Please join me in wishing them both well for their future endeavours. They are both be continuing voluntary support of the School outside of the Governing Body.

What do Governors do?

We have had queries from a few parents on what the Governing Body does.

The Governing Body's role is to set the strategic direction for the school, supporting the Head Teacher, namely:

- To set the aims and objectives for the school
- Ensure achievement of high standards in education for our children
- Ensure that finances are appropriately used, and premises are appropriately maintained

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- Ensuring that resources are appropriately utilised in the best way for the school to benefit the children

Contact

We appreciate your views on how we can improve our roles as governors and can assure you we listen and act in the best interests of the children at the school.

Please feel free to contact us via the School Office on 01494 813201 or by email office@tgfs.org.uk