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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this note finds you and your family well in these challenging times. I want to let you know that I have taken over as Chair of Governors of the school in a planned handover from David Miveld from this Summer term. David will be staying on as Vice Chair into the Autumn term. On behalf of all the governing board I would like to thank David for his leadership, drive and support as Chair for the last 3 years, through some challenging times, that has resulted in the federation of the Infants and Junior School into SS Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School from September this year. David's experience and advice will remain valuable to me personally and to all of the governing board.

I have been in St. Albans a little over 2 years and I'm the treasurer of the Parish Friends at the SS Alban and Stephen Church. The group arranges social activities for parishioners and helps families in need. I have been a member of the governing board since March last year and Vice Chair since the Autumn term. My son went to JFK in Hemel some years ago now!

The lives of all of us have changed remarkably in the last few months. The impact on schools has been at the forefront as government has sought to balance the risk of health and safety with delivering education that children need and deserve. There have been no easy answers but amidst this we have seen our school staying open for children of key workers and then welcoming back Reception, Years 1, 5 and 6. This has been a terrific response from Clare McFlynn and her staff with all the preparation, risk assessments and COVID secure arrangements that have had to be put in place. I hope that has provided the reassurance you needed that your children are in a safe environment while in school.

There is still plenty to do as we look forward to September, the start of a new academic year, and our first as a Primary School. Clare and her team will be in regular contact, and the governing board continue to meet virtually as scheduled. In addition Clare, David and I meet and talk frequently to discuss and interpret guidance as it changes to try and ensure we do the best for your children.

Stay safe and God bless,

Gerry Dolan  
Chair of Governors