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Growing, believing, achieving together

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Dear parents/carers,

I am delighted to inform you that I have been elected as Chair of Governors of the Local Governing Body ('LGB') for Topcliffe C of E (VC) Academy! It is an honour to have been presented with this opportunity, particularly at such an exciting time in the Academy's journey to excellence, and I am looking forward to working closely with you all to continue the successes of our Academy.

The role of the LGB is to provide strategic direction, monitor performance and to challenge where appropriate. Furthermore, we value your perspective and encourage open and honest communication. Therefore, we would like to offer more opportunities for you to connect with the LGB. This will contribute significantly to the development of our Academy and is crucial when monitoring that all pupils are receiving an education of the highest standard. Consequently, it is my aim to ensure parents/carers are fully informed of our vision, ethos and strategic direction. In addition to surveys, termly newsletters, parent voice questionnaires, etc, we also intend on making regular engagements with you directly. Parents/carers are key stakeholders and your involvement can have a major influence on your child's achievements. We hope you share our passion and participate in the opportunities the LGB will be providing throughout the year.

Please find below a list of the LGB members -

Mrs Amy Binks (Co-opted Governor)
Mrs Abigail Clay (Head Teacher)
Mr Andrew Fyfe (Co-opted Governor)
Mrs Josie Johnson (Staff Governor)
Rev. Susanne Jukes (Foundation Governor)
Mrs Nicola Knowles (Parent Governor and Chair)
Mrs Tara Rose (Parent Governor and Vice Chair)
Mrs Janette Yates (Foundation Governor)

On behalf of the school community, I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge departing Governors: Mr Garry Key, Mr Ian Kildin and Mrs Alison Wilson. We have been very lucky to have had their support and dedication during their tenures, which has been greatly appreciated. We wish them all the best for the future.

Please feel free to get in touch with me via Mrs Hartley, I am always open to your views and opinions. I hope everyone has had a positive start to this academic year and I look forward to this (very busy) festive half-term leading up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nicola Knowles
Chair of Governors

