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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the whole governance team a very warm welcome to a new school year at St Joseph's. I would especially like to welcome those of you who have children new to our school. I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are enjoying the nice weather recently.

I would like to update you on some changes to the governance team at St Joseph's. Last school year we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Garraway and Mrs Hallett as Parent Governors and Mr Fraser-Roe as a Foundation Governor. Many thanks to them for their support whilst serving our school. I am very pleased to say that we now welcome Sarah Kussel and Ruth Mills as our new Parent Governors and Camilla Mathison as a new Foundation Governor.

Our governance role is defined by the Plymouth CAST Schedule of Accountability. This document sets out the assurance and accountability tasks delegated to us by the Trust Board. These tasks are an essential part of providing the support and challenge required to fulfil our delegated responsibilities. The Schedule has been updated this year, but our responsibilities still cover five important aspects of school life - Safeguarding & Child Protection, RE & Catholic Life, Curriculum & Standards, SEND, Inclusion & Equality, and Health & Safety & Data Protection.

Important to Governors is also the opportunity to be part of a fantastic school community. Last year we enjoyed accompanying the children on many trips and educational visits. It has been our privilege to work with the children in school, through the School Council, Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Team, Time to Talk group and helping at Breakfast Club. We were also delighted to join the children for worship in school and at our parish church, and to be part of celebrating their achievements at assemblies throughout the year. Sports Day was amazing and despite the rain the PTA Summer Fayre was a real highlight – thank you for supporting our plant stall.

We are extremely fortunate to have a great team of dedicated and caring people in our school community who always put the education and wellbeing of our children at the heart of everything they do. The whole governance team are very much looking forward to working with Mrs Stephens, teachers, staff, PTA and you as parents and carers to support the children to 'Walk with Jesus to be the best they can be' throughout the coming year.

Governor profiles are available on our school website and any queries you may have about governance at St Joseph's, can be routed via Clerk to Governors - clerk@stjo.uk.

Very best wishes,

Lynn Cook

Foundation Governor