

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and the children all had enjoyable summer holidays. Hopefully some adventures for the children to talk about and share as they return for the beginning of term.

In welcoming all children back to school, especially all new year 3's and other children in years 4, 5 and 6 starting their time at Dereham Junior Academy, I would also like to formally welcome Mrs Scott as the school's new headteacher.

As you may know, Mrs Scott joins the school from the Nar Valley group of schools. With these schools being part of DNEAT, Mrs Scott will be well familiar with the working of the Trust. I am sure Mrs Scott will be looking forward to working with the staff and children to further build on the good work of the school.

As chair of governors, over the next two terms we will be looking to establish a local governing board at the school. With governors appointed by the Trust and a staff governor, we will also be looking to appoint parent governors to the group. During this term, the school will be sending home a letter to invite parents to consider becoming a governor at the school.

When this letter is sent home, it will include a couple of dates where Mrs Scott and I will be available to meet very informally with any of you who might be interested to find out more about the role over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit!

Will hopefully look forward to meeting some of you then.

Best wishes,

Malcolm Gray Chair of Governors.

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