



A message from the CO-Chairs of the Board of Governors

It is an exciting start of the next chapter for our primary school now that the Academy conversion has completed.

Although conversion has taken longer than anticipated, Learning Academy Partnership South West (LAP SW) have been working closely with the school for many months now, and through a Joint Management Committee the governing board has continued to oversee the school improvement plan, alongside LAP SW leaders and members of LAP SW Ethos and Advisory Committees.

We have been hugely impressed by the positivity the partnership has created, both within the school and within LAP SW. We have already seen investment and improvements in the technology, learning resources and teaching, and are confident the school is well placed to continue improving while maintaining its strong values which place our children and community at its heart.

The Governing Body will now be dissolved as the LAP SW governance structure comes in, and the Joint Management Committee will sit once more towards the end of June to formally conclude its business. Some existing members of the Governing Body will join the local Ethos and Advisory Committee, which is set up to represent the local community and to support, inform, advise and challenge provision, working with LAP SW leaders to achieve this.

We would like to thank LAP SW for their support, energy and enthusiasm despite conversion being delayed. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff at the school, led by Louise, who have embraced the opportunity provided by academisation and shown exceptional resilience and determination over the last year. Thank you, too, to the children, who have continued to invest in their own learning and adapt to new ways of working. Thank you to our parents who have worked positively with the school and been so understanding and caring. And finally, a massive thank you to our existing and former governors and chairs – without your scrutiny and support the progress made would not have been possible.

We wish everyone well and are excited to see the school develop from strength to strength under LAP SW's able leadership.

Best wishes,

Ali Bright and Dan Thorogood