



27th November 2024

Emma Lavery
Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

Change in Chair of Governors

After 6 years as a school governor at Devonshire, and as Chair of Governors for the last 2 years, I am writing to let you know that I am standing down from the governing body at the end of this month.

I feel very lucky to have been part of the governing body during this time. With 2 children at Devonshire I have seen from both a parent and a governor perspective how the school - the children, staff, families and governors - have successfully navigated challenges such as Covid, whilst also seizing opportunities to provide the best educational experiences and wellbeing support to our community, on a safe and welcoming site. I have really enjoyed seeing the development of the Outdoor Play and Learning, the Woodland Project and the growth of the pastoral team, as well as the new school curriculum.

The school's governors are volunteers and come from a range of backgrounds but we could not do our job without the expertise of the Headteacher, Leadership Team and all the committed staff at Devonshire. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Miss Oastler, the Assistant Heads, Mrs Mackinlay and the whole office team for their help to me as a governor and all they do for the whole school.

From 1st December 2024, Colin Iddles takes over as Chair of Governors. Colin rejoined the Devonshire community last year as a governor, having previously been very involved during his son's time at the school, including as a past chair of the Parent Staff Association (PSA). I wish Colin and the rest of the governing body all the very best as they continue to support the school.

More information about the governors can be found on the school website - [Governors](#). Should you wish to share any thoughts or ideas about the work of the governing body, please do speak to governors when you see them at events or in the playground or alternatively contact them through the school office. **Please do also consider whether you can support the school in a different way through becoming actively involved in the [PSA](#)** who do an amazing job fundraising for the school to help enrich and expand the learning opportunities for the children.

Yours sincerely,

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