



# MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## Letter from our new Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you all to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Meridian. I have been a governor at the school for almost 4 years and in that time I have seen how committed the staff at Meridian are to providing a safe, supportive, caring and stimulating learning environment for the children at the school. I look forward to my new role and working with Ms Westcott to support this vision for the school.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs Janet Anthony, the outgoing chair of governors, for her hard work and dedication. I am delighted that Mrs Anthony will continue as a governor at the school.

I am conscious that I am writing to you in the middle of a global pandemic. The last few months have been hard for many families and we are so pleased that your children are able to learn together in school again this term. The staff at the school have been working hard to make sure that school is as safe as it can be, so as a result there have been changes to the structure of the school day including drop off and pick up times.

It is important to remember that these changes are in place to protect pupils and staff at the school and their families. These policies have been put in place following extensive risk assessments to ensure that the school is able to open safely to all children, following guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England. I understand that there are some frustrations, but I remind you that the changes are based on government guidance and scientific understanding of the virus, monitoring the rate of infection both locally and nationally

Over the course of the last 6 months Governors have reviewed risk assessments and action plans to ensure the safe reopening of Meridian. I cannot thank Ms Westcott and all of the staff at Meridian enough for the hard work they have put in to make sure the school stays open and safe for everyone.

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This year we have seen some terrific examples of communities coming together and doing the right thing for the greater good. Please follow the changes that have been put in place at the school, including social distancing at drop off and pick up times.

When it is possible to relax these policies, it will be done following guidance from the government at a time when it is safe to do so. However, if the policies in place at the moment are not working effectively, the Governing Body will support the school in introducing further social distancing and protective measures.

Thank you for all your support of the school.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors



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