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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

It is the beginning of a new school year and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Tedder C P School. I would like to introduce myself as the Chair of Governors, Colleen Stevenson. I have an Honours Degree in Childhood and Youth Studies, I worked in Early Years for 16 years, then moved to residential care working with young people and adults with various additional needs. I hold a vast amount of knowledge around both OFSTED and CQC and this knowledge has supported the school whilst I have been a governor.

I have been on the governing body for about 8 years now as a Community Governor. Both of my children attended Tedder School and my daughter finished her degree and has teaching status and my son is in his second year of university.

When my children attended Tedder my husband was a Governor. I undertook the role of governor as I feel that children's learning and development is paramount from an early age and I feel as a governor I support the school to ensure that this is happening. I remain a governor to give the school continuity, which can be very difficult with a school on a forces base and OFSTED looks for continuity. I was present at the last OFSTED inspection as Vice Chair of Governors and was very pleased with the **OUTSTANDING** verdict.

We are now recruiting Parent Governors for Tedder school and I have produced this cover letter as the Lincolnshire County Council paper work that is attached, is very formal. However it is relevant and as we are an LCC school, we are required to utilise their paper work.

If you choose to become a governor, it is very rewarding supporting the Headteacher and Staff in their job roles to enhance the school. I have supported the school in shared reading, discussed various learning and assessment tools with staff. I have done regular walk arounds at the school where I have supported lessons, talked to children, talked to teaching staff, looked at displays, sat in on staff interviews and attended governor's meetings. However, governors are expected to put in the time that they have and share experiences that may support the school.

The Headteacher is responsible for the organisation and management within the school and the day to day running, however in the enclosed letter you will see clearly outlined the duties of a governor.

If you choose to become a governor we will look into governor training and see if we can support you from the start. It is a very rewarding undertaking, please feel free to talk to Mrs Crawshaw or Mrs Gash further about the role of governor.

Kind Regards
Colleen Stevenson
Chair of Governors