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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you further to Wendy Hart's recent letter, in which she explained that the Local Authority had asked the Regional Schools Commissioner to agree, for the time being, the replacement of Bewick Bridge Governing Body with an Interim Executive Board (IEB). The Regional Schools Commissioner has approved this request.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. Firstly, to introduce the form and functions of the IEB to you and, secondly, to invite you to meet us at the school on **Tuesday 12th March at 8.45am**. However, before I do that, I want to thank the Chair and all of the Governors for their hard work during their time in office and the commitment they have shown to the school. All of them gave up their own time, voluntarily, to work in support of the school.

An IEB takes on all the roles and responsibilities of a Governing Body, always keeping a clear focus on rapid school improvement and dealing with the issues that led to the IEB being formed. An IEB, as the name suggests, is only ever intended as an interim or temporary measure. Most IEBs are in place for no longer than a year, after which the school is returned to the responsibility of a Governing Body.

There are five people on the IEB for Bewick Bridge Community Primary School. My name is Anthea Kenna and I have been asked by the Local Authority to chair this IEB. I am recently retired, following a career in Primary School Headship spanning 25 years. I worked in Cambridgeshire and Essex as Headteacher, Associate Adviser and School Improvement Partner and am currently working with schools within East Anglia as an adviser, supporting those schools requiring improvement. My expertise covers all aspects of school leadership and management. I am a keen musician and enjoy performing with many amateur musical groups. I am a governor of three other schools within Cambridgeshire.

Joining me on the IEB are Chris Meddle, Tony Sharpe, Edris Tildesley, and Sheryl Williamson.

Chris Meddle

I have worked in and with schools for forty years. I have had significant leadership experience as a Head of Department in a large secondary school, as the Deputy Head of a Cambridgeshire Village College and the Principal of a Cambridge Community College. Much of my teaching and school leadership experience was in the area served by Bewick Bridge. For the last 13 and a half years I have worked for CCC as an Education and Leadership Adviser. I have considerable experience of supporting schools to solve a wide range of problems. I was a school teacher and community governor for a number of years and have recently had experience of supporting a wide range of

academy and maintained governing bodies and Chairs. I deliver school senior leadership training in both the secondary and primary sectors.

Tony Sharpe

I am Chair of Governors of a local Church of England (VA) Primary School, which is located half a mile from the City of Cambridge boundary and I am in my eighth year as Chair. During this time I have been instrumental in raising standards at the school. I was designated a National Leader of Governance in July 2017 and have been instrumental in bringing together Chairs of Governors within Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge. During the last twelve months, I have been a member of two IEB's in Cambridgeshire and am currently advising another Governing Body. After managing a Business Unit in a very large multinational company, I set up my own Radio Communications Consultancy Company.

Edris Tildesley

I worked as a teacher, Headteacher, School Improvement Partner and Adviser in Cambridgeshire for many years. When I retired after 14 years as a Primary School Headteacher I continued to work part time as an Associate Adviser in Cambridgeshire working with schools to improve attainment, the quality of teaching and learning and pupil welfare. I have also worked as a coach/adviser with 'Achievement for All' a national organisation which focusses on improving outcomes for disadvantaged children. At present I am serving as a member of an IEB in a large primary school in Cambridgeshire.

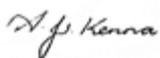
Sheryl Williamson

I have extensive experience as a Governor across four school in Cambridgeshire. I was appointed as a Governor at Bewick Bridge in 2018 and have been asked to sit on the IEB. As a teacher, I have taught history and been a teacher for excluded pupils. My financial skills and work outside of education have taken me across the world. I am currently Company Director of African Sun Limited.

The IEB will, in addition, be supported and advised by Officers from the Local Authority. We will meet at least once a month. We aim to ensure that the school makes rapid progress in addressing the concerns raised in recent Ofsted inspection. We will be starting work immediately.

As I mentioned earlier, the IEB has all the responsibilities of any Governing Body including listening and responding to comments, compliments and concerns from parents, carers and staff. Minutes of IEB meetings will be posted on the school's website and I will ensure that there are regular opportunities for you to meet with members of the IEB. The first of these opportunities will be on Tuesday 12th March at 8.45am. We look forward to meeting as many of you who are able to attend. Future meetings will be planned at other times. If you wish to contact us you can do so through the school office or via Rosemarie Sadler, the Head of Service: Schools Intervention - her email address is Rosemarie.Sadler@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the IEB for Bewick Bridge Community Primary School Primary