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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and that you have had an enjoyable summer break.

My name is Alexis Gardner, and I would like to introduce myself to you as Nursery Hill Primary's newly elected Chair of Governors. I am privileged to have been elected Chair of Governors following a period of 18 months as a Co-opted Governor and to be working with such a professional team of staff and governors. As Chair, I will strive to ensure that objectives of both staff and pupils are met with continuous improvement in all areas of the school being aspirational and realistic.

On behalf of the Governing Board, we are delighted to have you all return for the start of the new academic year and wish a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Nursery Hill.

It was wonderful to hear from Ms Clarke, who reported the children returned excited and ready to learn, which is a credit to you all. Governors and I are looking forward to engaging with all stakeholders and discharging our duties to provide confident and strong overall strategic leadership.

The Governing Board would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to Tim Render for his time and commitment as the former Chair of Governors and are pleased to retain him as a Co-Opted Governor due to his invaluable experience and expertise.

I would also like to inform you that four new governors have joined the board at Nursery Hill, following the recommendation of the Local Authority (LA).

Please be introduced to:

Gurby Dhesi – LA Governor
Jen James – Co-opted Governor

Sarah Cox – Co-opted Governor
Phil Johnson – Co-opted Governor

I trust you will have recognised the magnificent improvements over the course of the last two years in relation to the quality of education the school provides for our children, along with the attainment and progress made. This has been achieved under the leadership of Cromwell Learning Community Trust, in particular the Executive Head Mrs Rubina Darr, and our Interim Head of School Ms Jennie Clarke.

The school is at an exciting stage of its development, and following discussions with the Local Authority, they believe the school can now move forward in a more independent way, therefore the school will not be joining the Cromwell Academy Trust and will remain as a community school.

As part of the process, the Governing Board are preparing to undertake the recruitment of a permanent substantive Headteacher to begin in January 2022 as the support from the Trust will be withdrawn. We will be looking for a strong candidate to resume the position of Headteacher, who will take the school on its journey to Good, by providing sustainable leadership at all levels.

I will of course keep you updated, following the appointment of the successful candidate but in the meantime, rest assured that Governors, staff, and the Trust are committed to supporting Nursery Hill, being dedicated to ensuring that our school becomes the school of choice, a school where every child develops a love of learning, is valued, and is encouraged to be the best they can be.

We look forward to a positive academic year, serving and supporting our pupils, families, and the community.

Yours Sincerely,

Alexis Gardner

Chair of Governors