



Governing Body

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As Chair of the Governing Body may I welcome you to the Governor section of the school website which I hope you will find informative. It also gives the Governing Body the opportunity to communicate with parents and carers of the school and explain not only the role of a Governor but also celebrate the achievements as well as keeping you informed of developments.

If you have ever wondered what a Governor does then please see the attached web site document which should assist. Better still, please feel free to speak to any other Governors listed - we will only be too happy to explain our role and what we do. We hope to raise our profile not only by appearing at the school gate in the morning with the Head but also at School events – so keep a look out for us.

This academic year 2013-2014 started well as we celebrated the end of Key Stage 2 National Test results. This represented a lot of hard work from both members of staff and pupils alike. It's wonderful to see pupils leave the school with the best possible start to their next stage in education in their life-long journey of learning.

Mrs Becky Linford has now been Head for four years and the school is benefiting from her vision, experience, drive and enthusiasm. We were particularly pleased to be recently approached by County who requested that Mrs Linford provide some assistance to another local school. The Governors have closely monitored the effect on the school and are pleased to announce it has gone well and has strengthened the schools Senior and Middle Leadership teams. The staff and school have coped magnificently and it is a credit to their ability and dedication.

As I write to you we are awaiting our Ofsted inspection. A lot of preparatory work has been done by the Head and Staff and as a Governing Body we too have had to change our structure to accommodate the new Ofsted inspection regime.

We often have visits from external contacts and it is pleasing to hear reports that the children's behaviour and manners is exemplary. I am sure you will agree with me that the school displays and environment throughout this year are often highly creative and clearly demonstrate the schools ethos of learning in a caring and safe environment.

We appreciate the support given by all parents in so many different ways and the fund raising efforts of FUBS (Friends of Upper Beeding School) and other friends of the school. Thank you to all the Governors for their support and commitment to the school: the governance of the school is very much a team effort of which I am pleased to be Chair.

Best Wishes

Malcolm Gordon, Chair



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