Wentworth Primary School

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Striving for Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body to provide some information about the important role of school governors and to share news regarding the leadership of our school.

The Governing Body plays a vital role in the strategic leadership and accountability of a maintained school. Governors work closely with school leaders to establish the school's vision and values, monitor educational standards, oversee financial management, ensure statutory responsibilities are met, and provide support and challenge to school leaders. Whilst governors are not involved in the day-to-day management of the school, they are responsible for ensuring that the school continues to provide the highest possible standard of education and care for all pupils.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Governing Body is to ensure that the school benefits from strong and effective leadership. With this in mind, we would like to share that our substantive Headteacher Mrs Dawn Dack, who has led the school successfully for the past ten years, will be leaving her post in December 2026. Mrs Dack gave the governors a long lead in time to her retirement and this enabled the governors to put in place a rigorous recruitment process. It gave us the opportunity to have a wide field of candidates. All candidates and interviewees had the opportunity to visit the school prior to applying for the post to help ensure they felt the school with its values and ethos was for them.

The Governing Body would like to place on record our sincere thanks and appreciation for her outstanding commitment, dedication, and hard work during her time at the school. Through her leadership, the school has continued to develop an excellent reputation within the local community and beyond. She has fostered a positive and inclusive culture, ensured high levels of staff and pupil retention and created an environment where both children and adults can flourish.

Her leadership has also been instrumental in securing a positive Ofsted inspection report, which identified many strengths across the school, and in achieving outcomes that are consistently above national averages across all Key Stages. These achievements reflect her unwavering commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our pupils and supporting staff to deliver excellent teaching and learning.

As she moves on to the next chapter of her life, we thank her for the significant contribution she has made to our school community over the past decade. We know that she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, parents, governors, and the wider community. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to welcome Ms C. Laver as our new Headteacher. Ms Laver is currently Headteacher at The Priory Bicknacre. She brings headship expertise, and a clear commitment to ensuring that every child continues to thrive and achieve their full potential. She knows the local community and is committed to the principle of the school working with and supporting its local community. We are confident that she will build upon the strong foundations already in place and continue the school's journey of success.

We would also like to reassure parents and carers that Ms Laver will be very well supported as she takes on this role. Our school benefits from a talented, experienced, Leadership Team and dedicated Governing Body that

remains fully committed to supporting, staff, pupils, and families. Working together, we will ensure that the high standards, strong ethos, and successes that Wentworth is known for continue to the years ahead.

The Governing Body looks forward to working closely with Ms Laver and the whole school community as we continue to provide the very best education for every child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Geoff Skewes
Chair of Governors
Wentworth Primary School