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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I am writing to update you on some upcoming changes to the Governing Board, and to share a few final reflections as I prepare to step down as Chair of Governors at the end of this term.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the staff at OPS. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year, and I am deeply grateful for their unwavering dedication, continuous care, and for always holding the highest expectations for our children. It has been an exciting but challenging year for all schools, including ours, but I know that Helen, the Senior Leadership Team, and the entire staff have the focus, skills, and determination to tackle any future obstacles in their usual professional, friendly, and efficient way. I hope they all have an amazing summer and a well-deserved, restful break.

Our school benefits immensely from volunteers of all kinds, including our wonderful school visitors. However, the largest and most consistent support the school receives comes from you, our parents, and those running [Support Oughtibridge School](#). Thank you to SOS volunteers for tirelessly working behind the scenes to ensure our children have access to fantastic "WOW days" and so much more. Thank you all for enriching our children's school days and helping to make such wonderful memories.

This summer also brings some structural changes to our board. I am delighted to announce that **Danielle Jenkins-Omar** will be stepping into the role of Chair. Having served on the board for a few years, Danielle brings a wealth of skills, expertise, and experience that will be a huge benefit to the school moving forward.

At the same time, our long-term governor, **Catherine Oldfield**, will also be stepping down. Catherine has been a hugely valuable asset to OPS, using her extensive skillset to assist on everything from SEND matters to Ofsted inspections. We are incredibly thankful for her years of dedicated service and wish her the absolute best for the future.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to welcome three new members to the board, and we are very grateful for their commitment to supporting our school community:

- **Lee Emmot** joins us as an Associate Governor.
- **Claire Stewart** joins us as a Parent Governor.
- **Bethaney Lemm** joins us as a Co-opted Governor.

Serving as your Chair of Governors has been an absolute pleasure. I want to thank our staff, volunteers, parents, and carers for your warmth, support, and partnership during my tenure. I leave with great pride in what we have achieved together, and I wish everyone at OPS the very best for the bright future ahead.

Warmest regards,

Betty Bedford,

Outgoing Chair of Governors, Oughtibridge Primary School

