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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I write to inform you of some changes to the Governing Body and the priorities that governors will be turning their energies to in the forthcoming year. You will already be aware that Craig Cabell had been re-elected as a parent governor. Tom Doran’s time as a Foundation Governor has come to an end. Tom has made a significant contribution to the development of the school and I’m sure you will join with me in thanking him for his service. The Governors are keen to review and strengthen our links with the parish and I’m delighted that Archbishop Peter has agreed that Fr Richard join the governing body which will be of great assistance.

Governors are pleased that we continue to see the performance of our children rise in Key Stages 1 and 2. All of the staff have worked hard and we are very grateful to them. We have updated the website and ensured that all relevant information is available. We are always open to receive comments about how we can make it better. This term we will be reviewing the Behaviour Policy and to help us in this we commissioned a review by the Local Authority. The inspectors found our children well behaved and courteous. They did make some recommendations about how we can strengthen procedures which Mr Finlay and the team are implementing.

The play space for the children looks a little tired and we are keen to improve it. Mr Finlay has already started speaking to the children and getting their views on this development. The playground is small so we would welcome any ideas about how we can make this a more creative and enjoyable place for the children.

We have also put together a very short questionnaire (attached) about the out of hours learning provided by the school. Governors want to hear from you what you think about the range and quality of the clubs we currently offer and ways we can improve the offer.

Finally, we have an aspiration that the school will be able to have a nursery in the future. This is a longer term goal and will require some additional funding and determination. I hope that I will be able to brief you on progress in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Grice
1. Do you think the range of out of school hours learning provided is:
   - Just right
   - Could provide more

2. When would you like out of hours learning provided - please rank in order, number 1 being your top priority:
   - After school
   - Lunchtime
   - Summer holiday
   - Easter holiday
   - Before school
   - Not required

3. What type of out of hours learning would you like provided - please rank in order, number 1 being your top priority:
   - Literacy/Literature Clubs
   - Other curriculum related clubs
   - PE/sports
   - Music
   - Field trips
   - Creative and performing arts
   - Study skills/homework/revision
   - Special interest clubs
   - Computer clubs
   - Foreign languages
   - Not required

4. Do you use the breakfast facilities provided at Henwick School?
   - Yes
   - No

5. Would you use a breakfast club if it was provided on the school site?
   - Yes
   - No