Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of some changes that will impact on the school. First, there are some changes to the Governing Body. You will be aware that at the end of last term we had elections for a new Parent Governor and I am pleased that Mrs Amy Webber, is your new representative. We also have two new Foundation Governors, Mrs Victoria Riddell and Mrs Anna Mananghaya-Watson and our new Staff Governor is Mrs L. Collins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gemma Walsh, Mary Riley, John Holden and Maire Williams for their commitment and support to the school, but due to either personal reasons or their terms of office have come to an end, they are no longer on the Governing Body.

You may have seen on the news, just before Christmas, the Government announced that they will be introducing a new National Funding Formula from 2018-19. The impact of the new formula is that funding from London and other urban areas will be re-distributed to other parts of the country. It does mean that we will be facing budget cuts and the Governing Body will be assessing how we can achieve this without any detrimental impact on the quality of our children’s learning.

The decision we made to form a partnership with St Thomas More Comprehensive will help us to face this challenge as we already have been able to reduce costs by, for example, sharing staff. We are at the early stages of assessing what the impact will be on the school budget and how we can prepare for the reduction in funding. I will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Grice
Chair of Governors

“Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others”