Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all those parents/carers who came to the school on 7th October to meet members of the Governing Body, Mr Ryan (Executive Principal) and Mrs Wood (Headteacher).

This meeting was for parents/carers to find out about the school’s priorities over the next year. More details were given about the partnership with St Thomas More Comprehensive (STMC) and there was the opportunity to ask questions. Not all parents/carers were able to attend so thought it would be useful to set out some of the key areas discussed:

1. Mrs Wood set out some changes in the way playtimes will be managed and the role of the new pupil play-leaders. Staff have been trained in the use of Restorative Justice and this system will be used throughout the school. Mrs Wood also outlined the changes in the National Curriculum and new assessment system.

2. The Royal Borough of Greenwich and the Education Commission are encouraging schools to form partnerships/federations and Mr Ryan said that RC schools in the borough had been meeting for over 18 months to take this further. The changes in the leadership team had prompted the governors to ask STMC for support and we were delighted to have the services of both Mr Ryan and Mrs Wood.

3. The partnership agreement we have with STMC is for 12 months and details of this are formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding. We want the school to progress from good to outstanding. Parents/carers were keen to have more details about the performance criteria for the partnership and we agreed to make this available. During the coming year, the Governing Body, with the support of the Education Commission, will be exploring the option of making the partnership more permanent. The views of parents/carers will be important in informing our decision so we will be organising further meetings in the future.

4. Parents/carers said they wanted to have more opportunities to meet the Governing Body face to face and we agreed to do this. We will also review our current communication systems to see if we can make improvements. At our next Governing Body meeting I will propose that agendas and minutes are made available to parents/carers on the school’s website. If you wish to contact me directly please do so governors@stmprimary.org.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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