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"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body would like to welcome everyone back to Lodge Farm Primary School for the start of Autumn Term 2022.

We thought that, as it is the beginning of a new school year, we would clarify what the Governors at Lodge Farm Primary School do.

The Governing Body has three specific roles:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its budget is well spent.

We also carry out a number of other important duties, which include:

- Determining how the school's budget is spent
- Ensuring that safeguarding is a priority
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum
- Setting standards for pupil's behaviour and discipline
- Making sure the school building is welcoming and safe
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies
- Meet as a Full Governing Body every term

Governors share a common objective, to create an environment where children are happy, safe, accepted and challenged and to work in partnership with you as parents/carers and staff to ensure that every child can succeed and reach their full potential. To achieve this, and to carry out our role as governors effectively, we need to know what issues are important to you so that we remain responsive and accountable. Additionally, as governors, we work closely with the School's Senior Leadership Team to ensure that we continue to deliver a high standard of education to all of the children at Lodge Farm.

We think that the most important thing to note is that governors are a team. This enables us to be united in our commitment to the school and the responsibility we share for the school's long-term success. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. We will continue to work closely with our Headteacher, staff, governors, parents and pupils as we collectively strive to make Lodge Farm Primary School a great school.

All relevant information is included on the school's website and is regularly updated, so please remember that the website is a good way of keeping up to date with all aspects of school life.

If you have any concerns or points of view to share, please let us know. We can be contacted via the school office or by email <u>admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk</u>

Regards

Debbie Nash and Emma Hone Co-chairs of Governors