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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to formally introduce myself as the Chair of Governors of The Bawburgh School.

Having served as a governor since December 2015, I was honoured to be elected by fellow governors to take over from Sarah Hicks, who had been a Governor for over 7 years. I would like to go on record as thanking her for all her time and effort over her time as Chair.

In my day job, I am Deputy Headmaster at Langley School, an independent day and boarding school in South Norfolk, where I have overall responsibility for Year 10 and 11, as well as Sport and Partnerships, including a high profile link with Norwich City.

In 19 years of teaching, I have experience of leading successful departments and being a Head of Year in both the state and independent sector. Before becoming Deputy Headmaster, I guided Langley through the process of GCSE and A level curriculum reform.

As you may be aware, the school received an interim OFSTED inspection in February 2018 which, whilst reinforcing our 'good' status from the previous full inspection, also highlighted some key target areas for development. With the next full inspection anticipated by 1st April 2019, the staff and governors have been working towards ensuring that the school achieves its aim of 'Above and Beyond for All'.

As a standalone small village primary school, not part of a large Multi Academy Trust, the Headteacher and governors are acutely aware of the need to budget carefully and plan for the years ahead. Part of this involves reviewing class structure, according to predicted intake and income. At the present time, this necessitates maintaining four mixed aged classes, with some split year classes. The table below details the planned class structures for the next six years:

Year	Classes			
19-20	R/1	2/3	3/4	5/6
20-21	R/1	2/3	3/4	5/6
21-22	R/1	2/3	4/5	5/6
22-23	R/1	2/3	4/5	5/6
23-24	R/1	2/3	4/5	5/6
24-25	R	1/2	3/4	5/6

This structure over the coming years will help manage the 'bulge' of children we currently have in KS1 into KS2. The Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in Reception will remain at 15, with the view that all year groups in time will have 15 in them.

Please be assured that all staff, governors and myself as a parent and Chair of Governors, are solely focused on achieving the very best educational experience for all children, whilst remaining a viable standalone school.

Although I encourage everyone to contact their child's class teacher, in the first instance, and the Headteacher, I am aware that there might be occasions when you wish to speak with me. I am usually at school on a Tuesday afternoon, and am happy for you to book to see me via the school office. Should you want to email me, please do so via office@bawburgh.norfolk.sch.uk

With best wishes,



Chair of Governors

