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Farewell and Thank you

We held our autumn term meeting for the Board of Governors yesterday and said farewell to our Chair of Governors, Rahilah Nazir. It isn't goodbye as she still has two children with us at Etchells and I know Rahilah will continue to support the school and be a familiar face on the playground. On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for her work as Chair and her tireless work to help drive improvements and develop Etchells into the fantastic school it is today.

Welcome

I would like to congratulate Mrs Jayne Berry in securing the role of Parent Governor in the recent election. We were able to welcome Jayne to the Board yesterday and I know she will be a valued member. Many thanks to all the parents who voted - we had around 170 votes which was a terrific response.

I am pleased that Mr Hamayoun Choudry is taking the role of acting chair until the end of the summer term and Mrs Suzy Taylor (our Local Authority Governor, employed by the airport) is taking on the role of vice Chair in this interim period.

Any communication for the Chair should be addressed to Mr Choudry and left with the school office.

A message from Rahilah.....

After an amazing five years as Chair of Governors I am sadly stepping down due to an increase in work commitments. Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to Cathy who has worked extremely hard to drive through improvements and build a strong working relationship with governors; this was recognised in our Outstanding Ofsted judgement for Leadership and Management. I would like to thank all past and present teaching and support staff at Etchells, whose sheer determination and dedication to their pupils and the school fills me with great pride. With their support and cooperation the governing body have been able to steer the school from strength to strength. I have always been made to feel very welcome in school and will miss the team greatly.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to my Governors who have given up so much of their time to provide invaluable support and challenge to the school. They have supported me through some difficult decisions and worked incredibly hard to ensure that we are effective. I am pleased to introduce Hamayoun Choudry as the new Interim Chair and I am confident he will continue to lead you through to further success.

I would like to thank parents for their continued support of the school. Lastly, but by all means not least I would like to thank our wonderful pupils who make our school so brilliant. I loved coming in to school and being able to talk to pupils who were always very keen to share all their fantastic learning with me. I will miss all the smiling faces!

I am still a parent at the school and hope to continue to support the school in any way that I can. I wish you all the best of luck in the next stage of your journey.

