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Dear Parents / Carers

A lot has happened since my last Christmas letter!

The board made the decision to move towards academisation about this time last year with a lot of work undertaken by Mrs Surch and our colleagues in the Park Academies Trust. Our anticipated conversion date was originally scheduled for the 1st September 2018 however, due to complicated contractual negotiations that have caused several delays we now see our anticipated conversion date being the 1st February 2019.

As I have indicated in previous communications, once we hit the conversion date there will be no change to your children's curriculum it will remain the same and all teachers will continue in their current roles.

However, there have been some changes to the Governing Body over the past couple of months. We have lost three of our valued governors, Tracey Lynam due to work commitments, Khyati Bailey and Kath Abercrombie retiring, by reaching the end of their term as governors. Although Tracey was only with us for a short period she was our Chair of Raising Standards Committee which we thank her for her input.

Both Kath and Khyati have been the backbone of the board over many years and have made a great contribution in forming and shaping the board. So on behalf of the board I would like to extend to them both our gratitude and appreciation for their time, influence and direction over the many years of service they have extend to the school and as Governors.

The next change, when we academise will see the current Board of Governors change to become the 'Local Advisory Board' a committee of the Board of Trustees. All serving Governors will remain in post except myself as Chair. I will relinquish my post and hand over to Ian Burgess as the new Chair. Ian was voted in by the board some months ago as my successor to preside over the LAB. I will not lose sight of Red Oaks from my role as Vice Chair of Trustees and Chair of the Trust Education Standards Committee.



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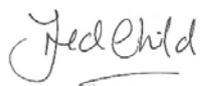
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The local board will continue to be proactive in its governance, studying data outcomes and working closely with Mrs Surch, who will, upon academisation, become Executive Principal for the Primary Phase of the Trust.

A special thank you to all our dedicated teaching staff and TA's that have done and continue to do a great job teaching our children and creating a great environment for learning. Also a thank you to all our administration team that work tirelessly ensuring everything is in place and working around the school. Also a mention to our very able 'Friends of Red Oaks' team that do a great job in supporting the school through their activities and fabulous donations.

We are now well into the festive season with Christmas fast approaching, I extend to you all across our many different faiths throughout the school, on behalf of the board, our very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Fred Child
Chair of Governors

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