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Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Interim Executive Board (IEB) of St Mark's Primary School that took over from the previous Governing Body of the school in the first week of September 2019. This new Governing Body comprises of four members appointed by the Local Authority and the Department of Education. We are experienced in school governance and bring a wide range of skills to this role. Our members are:

Carol Williams - Chair

Joan Ryan

David Cattermole

Prior to the first meeting, we spent time familiarising ourselves with school documentation and speaking to the Head Teacher, Supervisory Head Teacher and the Deputy Headteacher. The Governors have spent time in school visiting classrooms, meeting staff and talking to children about their experiences at St Mark's.

At the first formal meeting on the 19th September, members of the IEB included a confirmation of our purpose in supporting the school to secure rapid progress for all pupils. We reviewed our responsibilities and our intention to work closely with the community in communicating our progress. We considered the Ofsted report of June 2019, the strategic improvement plan, the vision for the school and safeguarding procedures. There is much to achieve and we believe in talking to all stakeholders whilst the school is in operation to benefit our planning.

We want to speak to you as parents and carers to understand what is important to you and your families for the provision of education to your children. There will be forthcoming parental events where we will be available for you to speak to us. The school website will play a role in keeping you informed about school progress and we will publish Part 1 of our formal meetings in the Governor section. There are further meetings planned and we will hold discussions around performance management of the staff at the school, school finance, teaching and learning and special needs provision. These will help us to understand the existing processes and procedures in school.

We are under no illusions that there is a lot of work for the IEB to concentrate on and we must prioritise our tasks as we undertake this enormously important journey to improve the opportunities for your child. Providing them with the very best education in this nurturing environment of St Mark's Church of England School is our mission.

We have made a good start and have been provided with a positive response to our presence in school by both staff and pupils.

Interim Executive Board