



BROOMFIELD SCHOOL

Head Teacher: Mr. P. P. Travis

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Dear Students, Parents and Staff of Broomfield School

I'm writing this short note to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Broomfield School.

For those of you that don't know, the Governors are a group of volunteers whose job it is to support Mr Travis, the rest of the school leadership and all of you to make sure that Broomfield is the best it can possibly be. We aim to be 'critical friends' - providing support and advice but also challenge on the big decisions. My job as Chair is to coordinate this process.

Broomfield has come a long way in recent years, and my fellow governors and I want to help the school keep improving. All of us - students, parents, staff and Governors - have a role to play.

I have one child in Year 7 at Broomfield and two younger children that will hopefully join in due course. I spent 7 years as a Governor at Hazelwood primary school, so I bring some experience to the role. I will be working closely with my esteemed friend and fellow Governor Kate Peacock, also a Broomfield parent, who is currently vice-Chair and will be alternating and sharing responsibilities with me.

I'm taking over at a very strange and difficult time for all of us. My immediate priorities is ensure that our students are safe and learning whilst the school is closed.

I will be reaching out to you all to hear your ideas over the coming weeks.

I'd like to end by paying tribute to my predecessor as Chair, Roni Malek, who has worked tirelessly for the school for many years now. Roni has earned a rest but has nonetheless promised to help Kate and me out as we find our feet over the next few months!

Thanks and kind regards

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