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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Woodthorpe Infant School.

It's an honour to take on this role, and I'm really looking forward to working with the school community to help every child thrive and enjoy their early years of learning. As Chair, my role is to lead the governing body in supporting and challenging the school leadership team to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils — academically, socially, and emotionally.

I bring with me over 15 years of experience as a school governor, including three years as Chair of Governors, and I remain passionate about the value of education. Much of my professional life has been spent in the public sector, including 10 years supporting school improvement. That experience has given me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities schools face, as well as the importance of strong partnerships between families, staff, and governors.

I'm also a parent of three children, so I know how important it is to feel confident that your child is happy, safe, and well supported at school. Like you, I want the very best for every child at Woodthorpe Infants, and I'll do all I can to contribute positively to their school experience.

Although governors often work behind the scenes, I'm hoping to attend some school events this year and look forward to meeting many of you in person. In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about the governing body, please do visit the school website or feel free to get in touch via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. I'm excited to be part of this fantastic school and look forward to working together to help Woodthorpe Infants continue to grow as a nurturing, inclusive, and inspiring place for our children to learn.

With warm regards,

Colin Shepherd
Chair of Governors
Woodthorpe Infant School

