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Hello Parents, Students and Staff

We are now several weeks in to the second half of the Autumn Term and a lot has been happening in both schools. As Chair of Governors I regularly meet with Mrs Essex and Mrs Aplin. It is clear they are both now well-established in their new Acting Headteacher roles and very enthusiastically bringing about improvements in both schools. Some of the matters included in our discussions have been:

- School Improvement Plans. We have read the new School Improvement Plans for both schools. It is clear that both Mrs Essex and Mrs Aplin are setting the bar high and have well thought out plans to ensure improvements happen. As a Governing Body we will be monitoring progress of both schools against the School Improvement Plans over the coming months.
- Safeguarding our students is a prime concern for the Governing Body and I am pleased to inform you that both schools have successfully completed their safeguarding audits, and are fully up to date and compliant with all current safeguarding regulations.
- Both Fort Hill and Cranbourne have held their first student-parent-mentor/tutor meeting days, with Progress Day at Fort Hill and Monitor Day at Cranbourne. Both events were very well attended. Thank you to all those Parents and Carers who completed questionnaires on the day. I will be looking at the responses, your feedback is very welcome.
- Academy [news at Cranbourne](#):- The Federation Governing Body continues to be in discussions with the office of the Regional Schools Commissioner, who have a suggested preferred sponsor. We believe that this will be a very positive move for us. We will inform everyone as soon as we have more news.
- Representatives from the Governing Body have had meetings with the Local Authority following regular monitoring visits to both schools. We were pleased to receive positive feedback and constructive advice on areas where further improvements can be made. It is encouraging to note that these areas had already been identified by both schools and are already included in the new School Improvement Plans, so procedures are already underway to move things on in these areas.

As you can see, our remit as Governors is wide-ranging and very interesting. I am always pleased to hear from anybody who is interested in becoming a governor and if this is something which might interest you please do contact me at [J.Crawford@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:J.Crawford@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk) and I will be happy to talk to you about becoming a governor.



We have been very lucky in having a fantastic Clerk to Governors in Mrs Claire Birtles over the past few years but she will be leaving us in the New Year to focus on her new baby and family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and dedication, mostly behind the scenes, during her time as Clerk.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, parents, carers and staff a very happy and relaxing Christmas.



**Mr John Crawford**  
Chair of Governors