



Dear Parents,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I have decided to step down as Chair of Governors at Shaldon due to work & time commitments and more importantly, to get some fresh blood in!

I want to thank all the parents, our fantastic staff, my multi-talented fellow Governors and our excellent Headteacher for the support I have enjoyed over the last four years in this role. I have really enjoyed my time and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been involved.

I would also like to welcome Simon Girling as the new Chair. We have been governors together now for some years and his enthusiasm, life skills and personality will allow him to flourish in the role. I shall continue as a Parent Governor for the rest of my tenure so am happy to help with any issues from parents and will obviously support Simon in any way.

I wish you all well.

Kind regards,

James Powles

Please turn over for a letter from the new Chair of Governors, Simon Girling.



Dear Parents,

What an honour to take over the Chair of Governors at Shaldon Primary School and continue the great work that James has done over past four years. I'd like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication and I will certainly do my utmost to fill the sizable shoes left by him. Fortunately for all of us, he will be remaining on the governing board and close enough to offer a steadying hand and a reassuring hug should I need it!

My wife Emma and I have lived in the Shaldon/Teignmouth area for just over two years now but we fell in love with it from day one. It's a truly amazing place, as you all know, with Shaldon Primary School, an outstanding beacon of excellence at its beating heart. My daughters Matilda and Maisie, currently in preschool, are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic start to their education. I am looking forward to continuing working with a cracking group of Governors, including our new Vice Chair, Anneliese Slader, supporting Cheryl and her dream team in any way we can.

On a final note, we have some big challenges facing us over the next few years with cuts to school budgets looming but as James would say "a smooth sea never made a great sailor". We have a fantastic team here – Staff, Teachers, FOSS, Governors and of course parents and children. We will be calling on you all to support when and where you can, so that together we can not only maintain the outstanding provision of the primary school but also continue to exceed all expectations.

Regards,

Simon Girling

Please turn over for a letter from the retiring Chair of Governors, James Powles.

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