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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the bluebells spring forth, life returns, and we come towards the Easter holidays, I take this opportunity to write to you to let you know about the work of the Governing Board of our School.

As you will know, in the Summer of last year I became Chair of Governors, receiving the baton from Melanie Harvey, to whom so many of us will be profoundly grateful for her leadership over ten years at Kingswood. I have big shoes to fill, and doing so has been greatly enabled by the professionalism and excellence of our new headteacher, Mrs Macdonald, and the wonderful teachers and other staff at the school.

It has been a difficult few months, as we have had to recruit several new Governors as so many left at one time last year. Thankfully, we now have three new Governors, and have managed to set roles to do with GDPR, safeguarding, equity and inclusion, and the website. Key responsibilities which are necessary to ensure accountability and a healthy school culture.

We have been able to engage in physical visits to the school more easily for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this has been a real pleasure, as well as a welcome return to an important means of oversight and assistance. We have also been able to keep in mutual touch 'live' in the school for the last few meetings, and engage in further training (always necessary for Governors, if only as a refresher) via MS Teams.

The past few months have been challenging for the school due to stretch our already hard-working providers too thinly, but I can speak for the entire Governing body when I say how proud we are of the brilliant efforts of Mrs Macdonald and all the staff in tackling these problems and giving the children such excellent care nonetheless. As safeguarding lead also, I was proud to see the excellent response of the school to a recent safeguarding audit (which I personally attended as well), which showed how this is the highest possible concern of all those who work there. The way the staff have continually adapted to make sure child safety is always at its most excellent is superb, and we will work hard to make sure this is always the case.

Please feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns you may have, and do take the time to look at the Governors' section on our website, at: <https://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/our-school/meet-the-governors/>

Otherwise, and in the meantime, I wish you and all your families a happy and successful rest of the term, and restful holidays ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Peter Williams BA(Hons), GradDip, AKC
Chair of Governors, Kingswood Nursery School

