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Dear Parents/Carers,

A Warm Welcome to Upland Primary School from the Governors

On behalf of the governing body, I want to welcome you and your child to Upland Primary School. I hope your child is settling into school and will enjoy many happy and fulfilling years here. I want to take the opportunity to tell you a little bit about the school governors – who we are and what we do.

What are School Governors for?

School governors are volunteers who are there to make sure that schools are well run and that the pupils receive a good education. They have an important part to play in raising school standards.

Who are the governors at Upland?

The governing body is made up of staff, parent and community governors and governors appointed by the local authority. The number of each type of governor is set by our constitution.

Our current governors are:

Matthew Anderson	Parent	Don MackGlew	Local Authority
John Browning	Local Authority	Malcolm MacKenzie	Parent
Liz Dawes, Chair	Parent	Holly O'Shea	Parent
Ken Down	Community	Ken Palmer	Community
Sheila Hancock	Non-teaching staff	Vicky Sengupta	Head Teacher
Danita Hooker	Community	Charlotte Smiles	Teaching staff
Emma Johnson, Vice chair	Community	Cathy Watkins	Parent
		Adam Tyman (observer)	Deputy Head Teacher

Between us, we have been Upland governors for more than 60 years! But we have several newer members of the team – so we do have a balance of experience and new blood. We come from varied professional backgrounds so have a good mixture of expertise and skills.

What do we do?

We are responsible for setting the budget, over-seeing the curriculum taught and for setting the strategic direction of the school. The Head Teacher (who is also a governor) makes the day to day decisions about the running of the school.

How do we do this?

Apart from meeting once a term as a full governing body and more frequently through various committees and working parties, we regularly visit the school so that we know and understand what is going on and the effect of the decisions we make.

What is our aim?

At Upland, all governors share a passion for ensuring that the children receive the best possible education and that this is delivered through a creative and stimulating curriculum. We have high aspirations for the children and want to ensure they achieve and progress to the best of their ability.

How do I contact a governor?

Governors can be contacted via the school office. We welcome and value your comments, but issues relating to the day to day running of the school should, in the first instance, be referred to your child's teacher or to the Head Teacher.

Members of the governing body will be circulating at the October parents' evenings. So do please come and introduce yourself and share your first impressions of the school – we'd love to hear how your child is getting on.

Liz Dawes
Chair of Governors



