



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Staff, Parents/Carers and School Community,

We're fast approaching the end of the current academic year with lots of activities going on around school; and that time of year where I get to walk around with a great sense of pride at all we've achieved.

Let me start by saying a huge thank you to our whole staff team for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the education of our pupils. The School Improvement Priorities for 2025/2026 have resulted in a lot of hard work, with a particular focus in Mathematics, Writing and Phonics across the school. The school continues to improve in these areas and whilst there is more work to do, we are certainly heading in the right direction.

We have once again seen many improvements to our school site and facilities this year, with our long-awaited replacement bell tower now in situ, the installation of our new timber trail which the children have loved watching being built in real-time, playground and building improvements and brand new super-fast internet connectivity into school. Thank you to all who have assisted with these improvements for our children, as well as the PTA who have helped fund the timber trail and ran several successful events this year.

I'm delighted that we've been able to keep our budget looking relatively healthy and on-track this year, despite the challenges we continue to face as a county through system and process changes. Thank you to our Business Manager Hayley and her team for the vital work you do in this area.

A few weeks ago, our school community came together in a truly outstanding way to assist the school in funding air-conditioning units for our classrooms. With the heat still upon us, they have made a real difference to our staff and pupils and will continue to make a difference going forwards. I was genuinely touched by everyone's generosity and the messages we received parents via DoJo.

I am grateful to my Governing Body who volunteer their time and skills to support the school in so many ways to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. Governors make regular visits into school to observe and challenge leaders and their areas of responsibility as well as making themselves known. We've seen some changes to members throughout the year and continue to recruit to roles where we have gaps. If you know of anybody in the community who may wish to get involved in school governance, please reach out to Pete Osborne, the Clerk, via the School Office.



On behalf of myself and the entire governing body, I'd like to share our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has once again contributed to our success in 2025/2026.

Finally, it's with great sadness that I announce that I will be stepping down as Chair and Governor on 31st August this year. A new Chair will be announced in early October at the next full Governing Body meeting and until then, the Vice Chairs will step up to provide strategic leadership of the school for the first few weeks of the new academic year.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer break.

Best wishes,

Mr Ben Twitney
Chair of Governors