



12th June 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to inform you about a change to our Chair of Governors. John Attard who has been a governor for seven years and Chair for 3, is unfortunately having to step down from the Chair position due to incredibly demanding work commitments, although I am pleased to say that he will remain on the Board of Governors. I am delighted to announce that Andrew Clarke will be stepping up to the role of Chair from today.

Andrew is a barrister, QC and part-time judge. He and his wife have lived in Cheshunt for over 30 years and he has been a Governor of Goffs for over 20 years. Their three children all attended Goffs. He has strong links to the local community and to St Mary's Church. Educated at Crewe Grammar School, King's College London and Lincoln College Oxford, Andrew is a specialist in Employment and Commercial law and was head of a leading barristers' chambers for 8 years. As such, he will be exceptionally well equipped to lead both Goffs and the Generations Multi Academy Trust through the coming months and years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for all that he has done as Chair of Governors - putting in a huge amount of time in leading the school through a New Build as well as setting up Goffs as the lead school in a new Multi Academy Trust. In addition, he has been fundamental in helping to make difficult decisions in order to ensure that provision and outcomes remain excellent throughout a time of national austerity. John is a governor at a large prison as well as national officer at the Prison Governors' Association, and so I have immense gratitude for the significant time that he has dedicated to our school. He has always maintained a careful balance of challenge and support, for which I am truly grateful.

If you would like to contact Andrew, please email: Andrew.Clarke@goffs.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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