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Welcome to the New Year and a rather short spring term. It will be no time before we are celebrating Easter.

We take the topic of Child safety very seriously and have a number of policies which are available for parents to read at any time either on the school website or in the school foyer. Although we’re confident that we have all the necessary policies and systems in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, we’re always keen to hear what more we could do. As a governing body, we would like to take the opportunity this Spring term to get your views. The school leadership team are currently working up a parent questionnaire which will be sent out later this term. We look forward to reading your comments in response to the questionnaire.

Another important priority of the governing body is the strategic planning of the school. This term we will be focusing on our vision for the next 5 years, consulting with the leadership team and wider school community on this too. How can we best ensure continued improvement at the school? What can we do to widen the opportunities for our children? How should the school respond to budget cuts? We’re very keen to hear your views on all these questions and more. To help this process there will be suggestion box available in the school foyer for your comments, so do let us know your thoughts.

Following last year’s push on punctuality we’ve begun to see significant improvements. This is really good news. It’s so important that children are in class at the right time, ready to start the day. With guided reading taking place across the school at the beginning of every day, it’s essential that children aren’t late for this crucial lesson. While we still have a little way to go to meet our required attendance levels, I wanted to say a big thank you for the efforts made so far and encourage us all to make that last push to hit our goal.

On behalf of the governing body

Sue Hallam

Chair of Governors