



Morton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the Chair of Governors at Morton Primary School. My name is Nick Morrissy and I feel very privileged to have been elected chair of governors for this academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous chair, Sam Watson, and Lisa Baines, vice chair, for their hard work and dedication over 13 years as governors as they stand down from the team.

The school also said goodbye to several members of the team who all retired at the end of the summer term: Mr Flint, Mrs Radford, Mrs Spackman and Mrs Travis. I'd like to wish them all a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

I am delighted to welcome new members of staff to the team. Mrs Roberts, Mrs Baines, Mrs Ward in the office and Mrs Thornhill as acting head teacher.

Following the disappointing Ofsted report Morton Primary have been matched with Djanogly Learning Trust academy. Erika and I are working closely with the Djanogly team as the process of migrating from Derbyshire County Council progresses but it is clear there will be no difference to the children's learning experience within the school.

Governors are volunteers and our main role is to work with the school ensuring that your children receive the best education in a supportive and safe setting. To this end we have three core strategic functions which are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

As Governors, we also share a common objective, which is the wider school community – working in partnership with you as parents and carers and staff to ensure that every child can succeed and reach their full potential. To achieve this, and to carry out our role as governors effectively, we need to know what issues are important to you. Should you wish to share any thoughts or ideas, please let us know. We can be contacted via the school office.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Morrissy
Chair of Governors