

# Send Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are all aware, it has been quite the week for our school with our Ofsted inspection! I wanted to take this opportunity not only to express my heartfelt thanks for everyone's support during this time but also to reflect on the gratitude owed to two of our governors who recently left our Governing Board earlier this term, Haggai Mor and Nick Greenhalgh. Their dedication and service to our school community and our Governing Board leading up to our inspection earlier this week deserve special recognition.

Haggai served as a Parent Governor for four years, making valuable contributions across various committees, link governor roles, and discussions as part of our Governing Board's meetings. He consistently championed the parent and carer voice, ensuring the perspectives and priorities of families and their children were considered in our strategic decision-making. Haggai was a passionate advocate for the school community, fostering collaboration and supporting initiatives that strengthened the connection and communications between the school and its families. His monitoring visits and engagement with all staff and pupils reflected his dedication to supporting our collective strategic vision for the school and enhancing outcomes and experiences for every child.

Nick served as a Local Authority Governor for four years, taking on the roles of Vice Chair of our Governing Board, Chair of our previous Resourcing Committee, and various other link governor roles, including finance and health and safety. Drawing on his previous experience, Nick provided vital leadership in financial oversight, ensuring robust and sustainable management of the school's finances and resources. He worked closely with school leadership, offering invaluable support during the school's recent transition period. Additionally, his commitment to health and safety ensured that the school's buildings and grounds were consistently safe, functional, and welcoming for the entire school community. His guidance and partnership were pivotal in supporting me during my time as Chair of Governors and strengthening our board's overall strategic impact and effectiveness as a result.

On behalf of our Governing Board, we thank both Haggai and Nick for their dedication, diligence, and contributions to the school's progress and wish them every success in the future, knowing they will always be part of the Send family.

A final thank you to all of you who took the time to participate in the Ofsted-specific Parent and Carer survey shared with you all earlier in the week - your feedback was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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