Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm writing to you as the new Chair of Governors at Sandridge School. It's a role I take on with a strong sense of responsibility and a genuine commitment to supporting our school community. Working alongside the wider Governing Body, I look forward to building on the excellent work led by our previous Chair of Governors, Joy Archer, to whom we extend our sincere thanks for her many years of dedicated service to the school.

A warm welcome to those of you who are new to the Sandridge community, and a heartfelt thank you to those returning for placing your continued trust in us. It is a joy to be part of a school where children, staff, and families work closely together to create a caring and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

The Governing Body is made up of dedicated volunteers, including parents, staff and members of the local community. We all share a belief in the power of education and in the unique potential of every child. We work in close partnership with the school's leadership team to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children.

As governors, one of our key responsibilities is to set the strategic direction of the school. This includes helping to shape a clear vision and set of values that reflect the hopes and ambitions of our whole community. We support the school in turning this vision into clear priorities and targets that align with the curriculum and the School Development Plan. We also oversee key policies to ensure that the wellbeing, safety and safeguarding of pupils and staff remain at the centre of everything we do. These policies are reviewed regularly and are available on the school website, in line with guidance from both the local authority and the government.

We know that children achieve their best when schools and families work in genuine partnership. Open communication, shared goals and mutual support create the strongest foundation for learning, development and wellbeing. We truly value the vital role that all parents and carers play in this partnership.

We recognise that families, schools and communities are navigating a range of challenges in today's world. At the same time, we believe there are even more opportunities ahead, and we look forward to embracing them together. Through shared ambition and strong collaboration, we can continue to grow as a school where every child feels happy, supported and inspired to succeed.

We would love to see as many of you as possible getting involved with school life, whether through attending events, supporting FOSS (Friends of Sandridge School), or simply sharing your thoughts and ideas with us. Your voice makes a difference, and your involvement strengthens the whole school community.

In closing, I want to reassure you of our ongoing commitment to the success and wellbeing of every child at Sandridge. We are proud to serve this community and look forward to working closely with you in the year ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Josh Kempton

Chair of Governors