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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year comes to an end, I wanted to take a minute to reflect.

I have enjoyed the year and continue to be impressed by the children and the engagement from across the community. My highlight was the delight on my child's face when he got to throw a wet sponge at a member of staff at the Summer Fayre! Thank you to the Parent & School Association (PSA) and volunteers for their work on this and the other great events they have run this year, bringing the community together whilst also raising some money to support the children's experience in school.

There are other contributions beyond this that help build the life of the school. I know the children of the school enjoy the performances they are part of throughout the year and the school trips they get to go on; these wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the staff at Paxcroft and the support of volunteers to help them run, so thank you.

This academic year has certainly been eventful. One of our most significant decisions has been joining the EQUAMEad Learning Trust. The governors carefully considered this move, taking time to ensure it was absolutely the right step for Paxcroft. The academisation process is progressing well, and we anticipate formally joining the Trust by September. While externally you may notice little change, the most significant impacts will be behind the scenes, including staff receiving enhanced professional support to run the school effectively.

One notable difference will be in governance. From September, the overall responsibility for running the school will transfer from the current governing body to the Trust. A Local Governing Board will be established to focus on strategic delivery and monitoring the school's progress. This transition means the school will benefit from dedicated professionals who are fully employed to provide specialist support, rather than relying solely on volunteers managing responsibilities alongside their day jobs. The current governors will, of course, remain actively involved, continuing to support Paxcroft to ensure it remains a nurturing and successful learning environment for all the children.

As you will know, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Rhodes. I want to say a massive thank you to her for her hard work, dedication and passion for Paxcroft. The school has improved under her leadership and will continue to develop and flourish because of the people, structures and expectations that now exist in the school, down to her tireless efforts. I wish Mrs Rhodes well on her next adventure and a massive thank you for everything.

I'm pleased to say that Mr George and Miss Beaven will be leading the school into the new year as Acting Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher. We will begin the recruitment for a permanent Headteacher in September, and I hope we will have someone in post early in the next academic year. I know you will continue to support them, and all our school staff, in the same way you have supported Mrs Rhodes.

I wish you all a good summer break and I look forward to the new academic year when it begins in September.

Kind Regards,
Dr Andrew Ross
Chair of Governors

