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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body to give you an update on our work over the last few months.

For some of you this will be the end of your first term at Kettlefields and we hope you have settled well into our school community. A belated warm welcome to those families who have joined us. Governors have attended many of this term's events and we make regular visits to the school to monitor the work of the school and gain evidence of the progress of the School Development Plan (SDP).

As you know, the school was inspected by Ofsted in March was found to be 'Requiring Improvement'. Governors are working closely with the Senior Leadership Team to move the school forward and to build on previous success. We are all extending our knowledge of the school through Learning Walks and Governors are linked to specific areas/subjects of the school development plan to strengthen connections.

The Local Authority has provided excellent support and regular meetings are in place to challenge the progress of the school. Advisers have visited the school to support English, Maths and EYFS and are impressed with the progress the school has made. We are well on our journey to be a 'Good' School. The Wellbeing project and the progress of our disadvantaged pupils has been praised by the Local Authority and will be used as exemplars for other schools.

Governors are responsible for monitoring and updating school policies on a regular basis, and these policies are available on the school website. This term the governors have provided information points following our meetings to be included in the School Newsletter. We hope this has been useful. The Governor Summary of the School Development Plan is on the school website.

You can find details of the whole team on the school's website.

As Governors of the school, we are always interested in your views. You are welcome to contact me through the clerk to the governors, caddison@kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk or directly by email at akenna@kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to discuss any concerns, or even to discuss something that you feel is going well. Parent View is a useful opportunity for you to tell us what you think <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Due to governors' term of office coming to an end, we have a vacancies within the Governing Body and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has skills in Health and Safety, Legal issues and property. Interested parties do not have to be parents or have any knowledge of education. We are hoping to bring in someone who can help the school extend its links within the community.

The Governors have appreciated all the PTFA has achieved this term. In particular the Bonfire Night event and the Christmas Fayre were wonderful, whole-school events that really brought our school together. Thank you all for what you give to our school and the pupils.

As you have already been informed, Mrs Gadsby will take on the Acting Head role, with Mrs Close stepping into the Acting Deputy Role from January for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Bramley returns to the school to fill Mrs Gadsby's role in Hedgehogs. The Governors will commence the recruitment process in January to appoint a permanent headteacher for September 2020. The interview dates are already planned and we will keep you informed as the process progresses.

Finally, I cannot end this letter without offering huge thanks to Mrs Kingdon for her support and commitment to Kettlefields School. As a former parent and a recently retired Headteacher, she stepped into our school without a hesitation to provide stability at a time of uncertainty. She relinquishes her position with our appreciation but will keep in touch in a mentoring role for the remainder of the school year.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year and we look forward to continuing our work in 2020.

With all good wishes



Anthea Kenna
Chair of Governors