



# GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin this new term, I would like to introduce myself to you all as I have taken on the role of Acting Chair of Governors. My name is Clare Thurman and some of you may know me already, as I am also a parent and member of the Godstone community.

I have been on the Governing Body since November 2019 and I have spent much of this time working with the Senior Leadership Team and members of the teaching staff discussing curriculum development and progress across a range of subject areas. I am committed to ensuring our staff receive the necessary challenge and support to focus on maintaining a happy school with excellent teaching and learning.

My background is in arts education and I am passionate about giving all children access to a broad and balanced curriculum that fosters independence, confidence and creativity for lifelong learning. I now work with the arts sector in lobbying and advocacy, equality and inclusion and leadership development.

Over the past year, all schools in the country have been under immense pressure and I am incredibly proud of the work of our school staff in keeping our children safe and able to continue with their learning. I would also like to thank all of you, our parent community, for your hard work in supporting your children's learning at home. It has been a huge community effort.

The governing body will continue to work hard with Mr Usher and all our brilliant staff at Godstone to ensure the school continues to provide a safe and enriching learning environment for your children.

I am delighted that children are back at school for the final term of the year and I look forward to hearing all of the positive stories about their involvement in wellbeing activities, playing sports with their friends and enjoying all that the classroom has to offer.

I look forward to a time in the future when the governing body can once again join parents and the whole school community at our wonderful events, and I look forward to meeting many of you then.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mr Usher or myself. My email address is [clarethurman@godstone.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clarethurman@godstone.surrey.sch.uk) should you wish to get in touch.

Kind regards,

**Clare Thurman**

Acting Chair of Governors



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