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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to a busy and productive year ahead, I'd like to introduce myself as the newly-elected Chair of Governors for the Federated Board for Carleton Rode and Forncett St Peter schools.

My name is Kirsty Byrne, and I'm parent to Tom, a former pupil of Forncett School who is now at University, and six other children, ranging in age from 23 to 11 years old. I've been a Governor in two schools over the last eight years, and have just finished four years representing Governors' concerns at County Hall. There, one area of real interest for me was the preservation of the individual character and great work of the many small schools in Norfolk. I've been a teacher in London, Essex and Cambridge and now work with students. If you haven't met me, I will be visiting school and getting to know more of the community. I can always be contacted via the office, should you wish to do so, and the membership of the new Board can be seen on the school's website.

I also want to update you about Mrs Jones' absence from school during this first half of the school term. She is continuing to recover from ill health and is hoping to return to school after half term. In the meantime, Mr Wheeler continues to lead the daily running of the school this half term. Mr Wheeler, Mrs Brosnihan and class teachers are all available to help with any queries or issues you may have.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Chairs, Mr Parsons and Mrs Matthews, for their tremendous hard work and contributions to the school over many years; Mr Parsons remains on the Governing Board to continue this work. Thank you, also, to all those who have made me so welcome so far; I will work hard to help preserve the ethos of Carleton Rode being a special place to learn, and celebrate the fact that, in three years' time, it will be the oldest small school still serving children on its original site, in Norfolk.

Kind regards,

Kirsty Byrne

Chair of Governors