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Dear parents,

It's a real privilege to write to you introducing myself as Chair of the Local Governing Committee of Belgrave St Bartholomew's Academy. I have been a parent governor since 2022 and was honoured to be invited to step up to the role of Chair following the retirement of my predecessor Mr Brislen.

At Belgrave we are lucky to have an excellent staff team who live and breathe the school's values and are dedicated to giving our children the best experiences and education, with visionary leadership and backed up by the committed support of St Bart's Multi Academy Trust. The role of the Local Governing Committee (LGC) is to provide support and challenge to the academy leadership around vision, ethos, curriculum, standards and pupil experience, ultimately to ensure that every child makes good or better progress and that parents and carers are fully involved in their child's education. For most issues you have then your child's class teacher or a member of the school office team or SLT would be the best first port of call, but if you do need to contact me you can do so through the school office.

I have been involved in governance at Weston Infant and Junior Academies, also with St Bart's Trust, as a trustappointed governor, since 2019 and am currently chair of the LGC there too. I was invited to become a trustee of St Bart's trust in autumn 2021 and I really appreciate the broader experiences that the varied roles give me. I am a parent of two children at Belgrave and I live locally to the school. My professional experience is as a civil servant, specialising in tax and finance across a range of operational and policy roles.

I am grateful to all the other governors who volunteer their time with me to support our school, making a personal investment in providing the best opportunities for our children.

Kind Regards

Matthew Cliffe

Chair of Governors

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