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Dear parents/carers

We are writing to introduce ourselves to you as the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Denefield School Governing Body. After 11 years of invaluable service to the school, Jenny Pickett has decided to step down from the position of Chair. Tony Eldridge and John Chapman have also decided to retire after some 40 years of service between them and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and Jenny for their dedication and support to the school and to wish them well for the future.

Lorraine Doyle is now the new Chair. Lorraine, whilst relatively new to Denefield School, has been a parent governor for around six years, and is Chair of Governors at a local primary school, so consequently brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, understanding and enthusiasm to the post. She is a Chartered Accountant and chairs the Finance, Personnel & Pay Sub Committee. Lorraine has a child in Key Stage 3.

Sarah Shortt has been a parent governor at Denefield for three years, sitting on the Curriculum Sub Committee and for the last year as Chair of the Community & Premises Committee. Sarah works as a teaching assistant in a local primary school and has children in both Key Stages 3 and 4. She also acts as the Governor Liaison with the newly formed Parents Council, so has been delighted to meet many of you already.

We are honoured to have been elected to our positions as Chair and Vice-Chair. We are both extremely dedicated to supporting the school and all its pupils. We share the vision of Mr Whiteford, the Senior Leadership team and all the staff to enable all our students to reach their full potential. Over the last few months we have worked with the Local Authority, who are supporting and challenging the school and governors to raise standards and achievement. The governing body has looked closely at its own effectiveness and is undergoing a rigorous process of self evaluation and training, in order that all governors are aware of how to effectively carry out their roles and responsibilities. We are delighted to welcome two new Local Authority Governors, Maxine Slade and Sheila Loy, as well as Sue Cantwell, Head teacher of Downsway Primary, whose knowledge and experience will be of invaluable support both to us and the school as a whole.

This last academic year has undoubtedly been a challenging, but nonetheless exciting time for Denefield School and we would like, on behalf of the governing body, to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the support staff, teaching staff, leadership team and Head teacher for the enthusiasm and dedication with which they have approached the issues facing the school.

Should you wish to contact us please either write to us care of the school, alternatively you can email via the school website. http://www.denefield.org.uk/About_Denefield/Governors.aspx? We look forward to meeting many more of you in the future.

Kind regards

Lorraine Doyle and Sarah Shortt.



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