CORNELIUS VERMUYDEN SCHOOL

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

27 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the newly elected Chair of Governors at The Cornelius Vermuyden School.

My name is Paul Fuller and I have been part of the governing body since December 2017, following a very short break. I served the school as a governor for many years before that. My three children attended the school in the past and my granddaughter attends now.

I would like to say thank you to our previous Chair of Governors, Jeffrey Stanley, for all of his hard work and commitment over the last 15 years. Indeed, Jeffrey's support and commitment stems further back, serving as governor for many years before. I am pleased to say that he will continue to support the Governing Board as Chair of the Risk, Finance and Premises committee.

My specific roles in the last 6 years have been as a Safeguarding and Pupil Premium linked governor, and as Chairman of the Risk, Finance and Premises Committee, also serving on the Personnel and Pay and Performance Management committees. Throughout this period, I have been committed to improving the education for every student and future students.

Being a Chair of Governors is a key role in the leadership and management of the school. An effective Chair of Governors must cover the following key areas:-

- Working with the Headteacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement;
- Ensuring that the governing body sets a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school;
- With the governing body, holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and for the performance management of staff;
- Ensuring oversight of the financial performance of the school and effective use of the school's resources.

As Governors, we also share a common objective which is the wider school community – working in partnership with you as parents, carers and staff to ensure that every child can succeed and reach

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their full potential. To achieve this, and to carry out our role as Governors effectively, we need to know what issues are important to you (so that we remain responsive) and ensure that you know what issues Governors are discussing (so that we remain accountable). I think that the most important thing to note is that Governors are a team, not a collection of individuals or groups with separate agendas. However much we may differ in our opinions and experiences, we are united by our commitment to the school and the responsibility we share for the school's long-term success. All relevant information is included on the school's website.

Please remember that the website is a good way of keeping up to date with all aspects of school life. If you have a concern or a point of view to share, please let us know. We can be contacted via the school's office or by e-mail: admin@corneliusvermuyden.com.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the coming months, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully, and with best wishes

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