

22 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Interim Chair of Governors

Following our letter last week regarding Stephen Brooke's decision to step down as Chair of Governors for personal reasons, we are writing to update you on the changes to the Full Governing Body at SMRT.

We are pleased to share the interim plan that will provide immediate leadership and capacity for the governing body. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Diocese of Bristol during this transitional period. Jo Willis, who leads on school governance for the Diocese, will be joining the governing body as a co-opted governor and has been unanimously voted in as our Interim Chair of Governors.

We are delighted to welcome Jo as our new interim Chair of Governors. Jo brings an incredible wealth of expertise to our school community, currently serving as the Foundation Governance and Academy Trust Adviser for the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE). In her specialist role, Jo trains and advises school leaders and trustees across the entire Diocese, making her a leading expert in school governance and strategic development. We are incredibly fortunate to benefit from her deep knowledge, leadership experience, and passion for education during this interim period, and we look forward to working closely with her to ensure our school continues to thrive.

We will write to you again after the half-term break, when we will be starting the process of recruiting new governors to ensure that we have a full complement in place as soon as is practicably possible, including a permanent Chair. In the meantime, we wish you a great bank holiday weekend and half term.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Spens
Vice Chair of Governors



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Headteacher