



**Kimberley
School**

The Kimberley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Kimberley School Chair of Governors

You may recall that just over 12 months ago the East Midlands Education Trust appointed Andy Mortimer to be the chair of governors of Kimberley School. Andy was appointed to use his educational and governance experience to lead the schools' governors through a significant period of change as we sought to turn around the performance of the school. Andy has many other commitments in the world of education and this was only ever intended to be a short-term appointment so that governors could draw on his experience and support as they steered the school through this change. Following the superb exam outcomes in 2017 and the subsequent successful Ofsted outcome, Andy has stepped down from this role and will, instead, concentrate on his work with schools that are a little closer to his home. I am sure that everyone connected with the school would join me in thanking Andy for his work in the last 12 months. The relationship between a Head Teacher and their Chair of Governors is a crucial factor to the success of any school and Andy's wisdom, patience and keen focus on the needs of students played a significant role in helping us drive the improvements the school so desperately needed last year. Andy continues to play a role in the East Midlands Education Trust and will, I am sure, keep a keen eye on our progress in the coming years. It is worth remembering that all governors, including the chair, give up their time and experience with no remuneration and Andy's contribution is even greater when seen in this context.

My challenge is to embed the successes of 2017 so that they become the new "normal" for this community. It is the view of the Trustees and Governors that the school will benefit from an experienced Chair of Governors for the next 12 months and so they have appointed Dr Peter Gates to this role with effect from 1st January 2018. Peter started his teaching career in 1976 and has worked in schools in the UK and overseas. In the later stages of his career, he moved into higher education working for the Open University and, more recently, Nottingham University. Peter has been a governor of two secondary schools and two primary schools serving as a staff representative, local authority governor, parent governor, community governor and a chair of a committee. Peter only retired in October and I am delighted that he has agreed to work with us in the next phase of our work in ensuring that this school provides the very best start to life for the youngsters in our community.

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Thank you for your continued support this term. This has been the longest Autumn Term I can remember in my career and I have been nothing but impressed by your children's continued efforts both in and out of lessons and their continued commitment to strive to achieve or surpass their academic and social potential. They are a credit to you. Please do remember that school finishes at 12:20 pm on Friday 22nd December and that it reopens to all students on Monday January 8th 2018.

I do hope that you are able to enjoy some time with your family and friends this Christmas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. George'.

Andrew George
Head Teacher