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Dear Ash Families,

I am stepping down as Chair of Governors with immediate effect, and from the school governing body at the end of this term. This is due to me obtaining a new job with Dorset Council, which will mean I am less able to provide time towards governor duties.

I would like to offer my thanks to all my governing colleagues during the time I have been on the board, to all the staff at Ash School and Nursery and to the wider community. Thank you.

Elections for a new chair have taken place, and I am pleased that Georgina Griffiths and Jane Billington have been appointed as co-chairs.

During the past few years schools and education have faced some of their toughest challenges, and this is no exception for Ash. At times the pressures and weight of expectations are overwhelming. Sadly in the past few weeks this has been brought to the nation's attention in tragic and devastation circumstances. Through these challenges I have seen time and time again continued focus on the learning, social and emotional needs of all children at our school and nursery. The dedication, commitment and tenacity of all at Ash to provide the best environment for our children is unquestionable, and to do so in such difficult and heavily scrutinised fashion takes a great deal of character from the entire staffing team.

I know the school will continue in its improvement journey, which pleases me greatly. We have a wonderful school and a wonderful community. As a parent, am pleased that I get to remain part of our community for a little longer.

I wish you all well for the Easter Holidays and the future.

Yours Sincerely

Kris Pearse

Chair of Governors