



12th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body has formally accepted the resignation of Lorraine Lancaster, Chair of Governors.

Lorraine has given exemplary service to the school during her time on the Governing Body both as a Governor since 2019 and as the Chair of Governors since September 2023. Her humility is such that she would not fully account for all that she has achieved in supporting the school to be the dynamic place that it is today. Her impact is clearly seen in the developments that have taken place in the school during her tenure. Lorraine's leadership of the Governing Body has seen the school through its last Good Ofsted and Outstanding CSI. Her impact on the school and her unwavering support of our students, staff, parents and wider school community has been invaluable. We will miss her greatly and will find a way of thanking her for her service as a school.

As a result of Lorraine's resignation, the Governing Body has appointed as Chair of Governors Mr Michael Harnetty (formerly Vice Chair) and as Vice Chair, Mrs Kat Lilley. We thank them both for agreeing to take on these vital roles for the efficient running of the Governing Body and the strategic oversight and direction of the school. To date, both have been excellent members of the Governing Body offering support and challenge as needed.

Should you need to make contact with either Mr Harnetty or Mrs Lilley, please see their email addresses below:

Michael.harnetty@stbernards.southend.sch.uk

Kat.lilley@stbernards.southend.sch.uk

Please note, using the governor email address for governors is the appropriate channel to contact governors. In the past, some governors have been sent communication to their places of work; this is not appropriate.

Please keep Mr Harnetty, Mrs Lilley and our whole school community in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and protect us and that Jesus' commandment and our school motto remains at the heart of our school.

Warm regards

Allison Moise-Dixon
Headteacher