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End of Academic Year Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Board, to thank you for your continued support of our school community.

This year has been filled with many achievements, opportunities, and memorable moments. Our pupils have demonstrated resilience, curiosity, and determination in their learning, while our dedicated staff have continued to provide the highest standards of education, care, and encouragement. We are incredibly proud of what has been accomplished together.

As governors, we have the privilege of working alongside Mrs Martin and her senior leadership team to support and challenge the school in delivering the very best outcomes for every child. Throughout the year, we have seen first-hand the commitment of our staff and the enthusiasm of our pupils, and we remain grateful for the partnership we share with our families.

Schools thrive when parents, carers, staff, governors, and pupils work together. Your encouragement at home, your engagement with school events, and your willingness to support the wider life of the school make a real difference. Thank you for being such an important part of our community.

Sometimes, we know, it can be difficult to support all school decisions and this may have been the case recently when the decision was made to close early during extreme heat. We appreciate that this decision, taken by Mrs Martin and supported by me, will have been frustrating and disruptive for some families. I would like to reassure you that a change such as this is never a decision that is taken lightly. As Mrs Martin explained in her letter to you, when temperatures reach exceptional levels, we must carefully balance the educational benefits of remaining open with our overriding responsibility to provide a safe environment for every child and member of staff. There is rarely a straightforward answer, and every school's circumstances are different. We recognise the impact that closure has on parents and carers, which is why every possible alternative is explored before such a decision is made. We are so grateful for your understanding and really appreciated that so many of you chose to voice your support of our decision.

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As Governors, we often have the privilege of seeing the incredible opportunities our children enjoy every day. We also see the financial challenges that schools increasingly face. Rising costs for staffing, energy, learning resources and maintaining our buildings mean that school budgets are under increasing pressure. Voluntary contributions from parents and carers are crucial in enabling us to provide trips. Many of you have asked how you can further help and, recently, we received a large contribution of stationery from a parent for which we are extremely grateful. It may be that you could help in a similar way. The office has a list of items that you might like to donate so please do ask for this. You might prefer to make a one-off donation of £5 (or more if you can) to help to fund experiences and resources that enhance children's learning, such as books, technology, playground improvements, enrichment activities, educational visits and specialist equipment. If this is something you are able to do, please use pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q7Q0FUEO to make your donation. Thank you!

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils, and any other families moving on, every success as they begin the next stage of their educational journey. They leave with our very best wishes, and we hope they will look back on their time here with pride and happy memories. We certainly are very proud of them! We also send sincere thanks to class teacher, Rob Seerey, operations assistant, Elly Sainsbury and governor, Gail Lumsden. You have all gone above and beyond for the school and will be sorely missed at St Michael's.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Martin, her leadership team, teachers, support staff, and volunteers for their unwavering dedication throughout the year. Their professionalism, care, and commitment ensure that our school remains a place where children can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

I hope you and your families have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

With best wishes,

Debbie May
Chair of Governors