

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mrs Peta Cocker and I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of The Greetland Academy Local Governing Body. My background is in education having taught in a number of local schools and having recently retired as a Headteacher after 17 years in post. I have lived in Greetland for nearly 40 years so when I was asked to be part of The Greetland Academy Local Governing Body I was delighted to be provided with an opportunity to support the community in which I live. I hope to be able to support Mrs Crowther and the staff of The Greetland Academy to continue the excellent provision already in place.

I have already visited the Academy on a number of occasions and have been warmly welcomed each time. Immediately I recognised the professionalism of the staff and the exciting learning opportunities being experienced by the pupils who were impeccably behaved displaying lovely manners and respect for their peers. It really is a lovely school!

The Local Governing Body is made up of two staff Governors, 2 Community Governors (of which I am one) and two Parent Governors. The term of office for Parent Governors is 4 years and as you are aware these terms of office came to an end in December 2022. Two nominations for Parent Governor were received and therefore I am pleased to inform you that Gina Walsh and Steve Bennett will continue to serve as Governors for the next 4 years. The experience and expertise that Gina and Steve have developed as Governors during recent years will ensure continuity for the Local Governing Body. I am sure you will wish to join with me to offer congratulations to both of them on their appointments and to wish them all the best as they continue to support The Greetland Academy.

Should you ever wish to contact me you can do so by emailing the school office who will pass on your enquiry to me. I hope to be able to meet parents and pupils of the Academy as I begin to attend some of the events held in school during the coming year.

Kind regards

*P. Cocker*