



# Wheatcroft Primary School



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## Governors Update Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Governing body met in an extraordinary meeting earlier this week. We had two agenda items.

The first item was to consider the future of the school and the issue of Academy status. Governors have been examining the political and financial conditions surrounding education for some time now. You may be aware of the National press items regarding funding and the difficulties in recruitment in Education. Schools are undoubtedly now suffering the impact of Government funding cuts.

Wheatcroft Governors are considering what steps to take to ensure a positive future for our school. We shall be seeking further information about a Herts for Learning Multi academy trust later this term. Governors are also keen to hear your informal views on Academy status. You can write to our Chair via the school office or talk to our Governors around school. This is not a formal consultation process, just an opportunity to hear views and share information.

Our second matter was to discuss arrangements for Leadership at Wheatcroft. Mr Skinner has indicated that he will be retiring at the end of this academic year. He has been Head teacher here at Wheatcroft since 2004 and worked in Hertfordshire Schools since 1979.

Wheatcroft is a good school, where our children are encouraged to be the best they can be. The school has an established position of respect and trust in the local community. Mr Skinner's commitment and contribution to this over the past 13 years should be commended. He leaves us in a very strong position for the future in many ways.

We are sure you will join us in expressing our sincere gratitude to Mr Skinner for his excellent stewardship of our school.

This will be a time of change so we ask for your support during this period. We give you our commitment that we will endeavour to find a successor appropriate to the ethos of our school, ensuring we continue to offer the well-rounded education experience our children enjoy today.

We will now be advertising for a successor to Mr Skinner. The appointment process will involve Governors, Staff, Children, and the Local Authority. We will keep you informed as to our progress over the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

*Elaine Archer*

Chair of Governors