



Bishopswood School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Easter. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the work of the Interim Executive Board (IEB) and to provide updates in other key areas:

February Interim Executive Board Meeting

The Interim Executive Board met on 22nd March 2022 where the minutes of our February meeting were approved. These are available on the [governor page](#) of the school website (along with other useful information about governance at your school). At the meeting governors were pleased to receive the recent LA Safeguarding and Health and Safety Audits which showed substantial improvements in the areas highlighted in the previous audits and confirmation that we now only have some very minor adjustments outstanding. Governors were also pleased to see the improvement in our attendance figures and progress against the School Development Plan (which sets out the objectives for the school's leadership team). Governors also conducted several monitoring visits last term and fed back on the positivity in the school, the visible positive changes in the school environment and the warm welcomes they received.

Multi-Academy Trust Sponsor

It is with great pleasure to write to you, on behalf of the Interim Executive Board (IEB), to inform you that Propeller Academy Trust has been selected by the Regional Schools Commissioner as the preferred sponsor for Bishopswood School. This means that Bishopswood will become part of the Propeller family of schools. You can read more about the Propeller Trust on their [website](#). We are delighted to officially welcome Propeller who, through their work with us, have an in-depth understanding of our school. The Propeller Trust, have worked closely with us since February 2022 to provide our school with excellent support as we drive rapid school improvement. The appointment also means that there will not be any disruption to our school improvement journey which would be the case if the Regional School's Commissioner had appointed another multi-academy trust.

School Leadership Changes

The IEB and the Propeller Trust are committed to providing high quality education for all. To support our journey of rapid school improvement, the IEB have agreed to the interim appointment of Mrs Stephanie Coneboy, Headteacher from one of the Propeller Trust schools, to lead Bishopswood this term. Mrs Coneboy will be our Headteacher and will continue the excellent work her and her team have started at Bishopswood School. Mrs Coneboy will be supported by the new CEO of Propeller, Tom Pegler who is looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

In addition to this, to ensure we deliver rapid improvement for the pupils in our care and to maintain good levels of teaching capacity, the IEB has agreed to the appointment of an Interim Deputy Headteacher (who will start shortly), in addition, we are exploring the feasibility of second Interim Deputy Headteacher which will help to provide greater coverage to both of our sites. Once we have appointed to the Interim Deputy Headteacher position(s) we will confirm the details of the postholders with you. This change will enable Sharon Hickles and Gayle Didcock to move back into their Assistant Headteacher and Teaching roles. On behalf of the IEB, I would like to thank them both for their incredible hard work and commitment during a very challenging time for the school.

Finally, I would also like to inform you that Janet Kellett has recently retired and so the IEB and Propeller will begin the recruitment process for a substantive Headteacher in the next week or so. The IEB would like to wish Janet well.

If you have any questions about the governance at your school, then please do email me: Kevin.moyes@bishopswoodschool.co.uk.

Best wishes,



Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors