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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this second half term of the year 2025/26 I would like to send you warm greetings on behalf of the school's Governors. A special welcome to the families who started their school journey with us recently. To all families we hope you had a good half term break and are looking forward to continuing the year with us.

As Governors we are very proud to be part of the wonderful school community we have here at St Joseph's. Our governance responsibilities are delegated to us by *Plymouth CAST* Multi Academy Trust. Our tasks are designed to provide support and challenge on all areas of school life and include Safeguarding & Child Protection, RE & Catholic Life, Curriculum & Standards, SEND, Inclusion & Equality and Health & Safety & Data Protection. Our Local CAST Board (LCB) consists of Foundation Governors who are appointed by the Bishop, Parent Governors, who are elected by parents and carers of St. Joseph's School, and Staff governors. We are group of people with varying skills, knowledge, and experiences with the aim in common to support our school community in the very best way we can. We are very privileged to be able to join in the many activities and celebrations that take part in school including joining with our school and parish communities for worship and mass. For more information about our Governors and governance roles please see the school website (https://www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk/).

We are extremely fortunate to have a great team of people in our school community who always strive to live the Gospel values of Kindness, Courage, Forgiveness, Peace, Compassion, Justice, Humility, and Integrity. All Governors are very much looking forward to continue working with the whole school team and you as Parents and Carers to support the children in their learning and wellbeing.

If you would like to find out more about what we do, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact us via our clerk (<u>clerk@sjna.uk</u>) or the school's office.

Best wishes,

Andrew Kennedy

Chair of Governors

