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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Interim Headteacher

Highwood Governor Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during this year, which is much appreciated by the Governors and staff of Highwood.

As you are all aware, it was with regret that I had to accept Della Allen's resignation in December 2016, due to the fact she felt, at that time, exhausted by the pressure that had been put upon her since the flood in June. It was later that she learnt that the exhaustion she was experiencing, although partly due to pressures at school, was mainly due to the fact that she was terminally ill.

Upon Della's resignation, Cathy Cox willingly accepted the Governors' request to step up and become Interim Headteacher, together with Lynda Marriott and Matthew Morey who, by accepting more responsibilities, would assist Cathy. It was intended that this transition would take place when Della left Highwood at the end of the first half of this term, when SATs had taken place.

Unfortunately, these changes had to be made much earlier, after the February half term, when Della, due to her illness, was forced to leave. Cathy Cox has worked tirelessly to ensure that as little disruption as possible affects the daily running of Highwood, which has been no mean feat due to the challenges faced in the school village. She has been supported by all the Highwood staff who continue to impress the Governors with their determination to provide the best possible education and care for your children. The camaraderie and spirit that the teachers and support staff show is heart-warming.

I was delighted to see the results of the Parent Questionnaire which show that overwhelmingly, you are happy with the education and care that is provided at Highwood. I hope that we can rely on your continued support in the months to come, especially as we can now all look forward to moving back into our school building in September.

My best wishes to you all,

Rita A. Mitchell
Chair of Governors

