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Dear all,

On behalf of the Foulsham and Corpusty Governing Board, I would like to welcome all of the schools' communities back to school. I have been enthused to witness the cheerfulness of the pupils, and their imaginative, thoughtful and often joyful wall displays in the hallways and classrooms. I am happy to see the staff refreshed and invigorated and I am excited to see the school year unfold. I believe this excitement is justified: we benefit from experienced and caring school leadership, matched by highly skilled and enthusiastic teachers and assistants.

At this point in the school year, I am reminded of our schools' visions and ethos. We are, above all, child focussed. Our schools believe strongly in the potential of each child, and we are committed to providing pupils with a safe and enjoyable learning environment. We are determined to give all our children the best possible start in their educational life, and help them to become confident, well-rounded individuals. Our schools provide a broad and balanced curriculum aimed at developing the whole child and offering many enriching opportunities during pupils' time at school. We consider what we can best offer our children intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually, always within the context of our rural Norfolk communities.

Our role as governors is to provide oversight of the schools' educational provision. Our responsibilities include working with the schools' leadership to set the schools' policies and vision. We are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the school and supporting our staff. We are not involved with the executive running of the schools, but we do meet with leadership and the Synergy Trust directors to monitor performance. We meet six times a year as a full board across both schools to consider the schools' Head's report, which covers a wide range of issues, including the Pupil Premium plans, monitoring, attendance, and safeguarding. Much of the documentation for those activities is available to view on the schools' websites (as well as the Synergy Trust website) should you wish to find out more. Our governing board comprises ten governors, including two members of staff. We come from diverse backgrounds, and are privileged to include teachers, headteachers and others who have worked in education, as well as experience in procurement, marketing, estate and the law. The schools continue to be very well supported by the Synergy Trust who provide numerous benefits including best practice sharing, estate management support & guidance and training for the school leadership team.

The Autumn term is full of learning, with constant opportunities for the children to encounter new ideas and skills, inside and outside the classroom. We hope the children will return home excited by what they have learnt. In turn, we are always pleased to hear the views of parents and encourage feedback to school staff or to the Governing Board, either in person in the playground, or to the email address at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of Governors

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