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Dear Kenton Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was privileged to be appointed Chair of Kenton School Governors in September 2023, having been a Parent Governor since December 2018. I have been involved in local school governance for almost 15 years. My background is in nursing, and I now work at a local university. I look forward to working with you and the staff and governors at Kenton School.

As Chair, I will strive to ensure that objectives of both staff and pupils are met. We will continue our rapid improvement in all areas of the school. The Governing Body has three specific roles;

- to be strategic
- to act as critical friend in the development of the school
- to be accountable to the whole school community

There are currently nine governors at Kenton School, who are appointed through various routes. There are staff governors, co-opted governors (people from our community appointed by the governing body to bring specific skills) and parent governors. The Governing Body work with the Principal and Senior Leadership Team to drive the strategic development of the school and raise standards of achievement.

We are always keen to hear from anyone who is interested in knowing more about becoming a governor. I can be contacted via <u>Daniel.Monk@kenton.newcastle.sch.uk</u> should you have any queries or need any assistance.

I look forward to working in the voluntary position as a Chair of Governors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and students for your continued support and commitment to Kenton School.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Daniel Monk Chair of Governors 'All different, all equal'

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