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Dear Parents

With the reversal of the school's decision not to convert to academy status for now we will remain within the remit of Shropshire Council and examine what options are open to us in the future. As the school is in a strong educational position we will not be under any Ofsted pressure to join an academy to improve our educational standards, so could remain within Shropshire Councils until our future choices are made.

We are sorry to say that we are losing Tim Loft as a Governor as his term of office has expired and Tim feels that it is the right time to step down. We would like to thank him for the many years he has served as a Governor and the experience and insight he has brought to the Governing body will be sorely missed.

We have advertised for a new Governor and all applications will be welcomed. We are pleased to say that Robin Edwards has renewed his term of office and Jules Edwards has stepped forward to take on the role of a Parent Governor. There were no applicants for the post so we have co-opted Jules onto the Governing Body.

You may have seen a lot in the media lately about schools under severe financial pressure to balance budgets. We like any school do not find it easy to do this but we are pleased to say that although having to make some cuts to support staff, we will be able to deliver the same four class structure and standard of education within a balanced budget. Our increase in school numbers has helped this, along with a government grant and private donations towards targeted initiatives. The money that SOCS donates to the school also helps us to provide things that would otherwise not be possible. Every time you support one of their activities you support your child's education.

As previously mentioned I'm pleased to say that our school numbers have grown. We are now up to 89 pupils from a low of 64 in Spring 2015. We are not complacent with this and have formed a marketing group to promote the school and hopefully attract even more pupils. You are very important to this as you are the best ambassadors for the school. Please reinforce the positive returns you gave about the school in your Parent's Evening Questionnaires in your conversations with people both inside and outside of the school. Each extra pupil is worth £2,000+ for the school. It's very good to see the extracurricular activities and trips that have become a regular part of the school. We have enjoyed some spectacular successes especially in the rowing. A big thanks to staff for the extra time they put into these events.

It only remains to thank you all for your continued support of the school and for us as Governors to thank all the staff for their continued hard work, commitment and for the positive cheerful outlook they bring to the school.

A Happy Easter to everyone.

D. Hedgley.
Chair of Governors