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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of the changes the County Council is making to the governance of The Causeway School.

Over the last several weeks, the County Council and the Governing Body have been discussing how best to further build on the progress the school has made over the last couple of years. There has been good and sustained improvement in pupils' behaviour and attitudes to learning and we wish to ensure that there is similar improvement to pupils' standards of achievement and rates of progress. It was agreed with the Governing Body, that the most appropriate way forward would be to establish an Interim Executive Board (IEB) at the school, as an IEB will provide expertise, support and capacity to the school so that it can make further and rapid progress in securing improvement to standards and the quality of provision.

The Council, therefore, with support from the Governing Body, submitted an application to the Department for Education (DfE) for approval to establish an IEB. The DfE has approved this application, and the IEB will now take over governance of The Causeway School with immediate effect.

The IEB will consist of four members, as listed below, taking over all the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and will work closely with the Headteacher and school leadership team to bring about any improvements required.

The members of the IEB are as follows:

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| • Penny Gaunt (Chair) | Former Deputy Director of Children's Services |
| • Janet Bowen         | Senior Personnel Officer                      |
| • Sally Laidlaw       | Principal Finance Officer                     |
| • Ian Jungius         | Consultant Headteacher                        |

In addition to the four IEB members, a representative from SWALE Academy Trust, who are providing school improvement support to The Causeway School, will be invited to attend meetings, but they will not have a vote.

A decision has not yet been made regarding how long the IEB will be in place. However, the IEB will work with the County Council to secure the future long-term governance arrangements for the school to ensure sustained improvement to its overall effectiveness.

A meeting for parents and carers has been arranged for Wednesday 2 November at 6.30 pm so that you can meet the IEB chair, hear from the headteacher about the school's plans for securing further rapid progress, and ask any questions that you may have.

If you have any queries, please contact the headteacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Penny Gaunt

Chair of the IEB