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Welcome to the 2026-2027 Academic Year from the Governing Body

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children of Friars Primary School,

On behalf of the Governing Body, we would like to offer a warm welcome back to all our returning families, and a special welcome to those joining our school community for the first time. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break, and that the start of the autumn term has gone smoothly for everyone.

We are excited to continue working alongside the leadership team, teachers, and support staff to ensure that Friars Primary School remains **a happy, nurturing, and safe environment where every child is empowered to achieve excellence.**

Our Values and Vision

At Friars, we believe that pupil wellbeing goes hand in hand with academic achievement. Our shared vision with the school leaders and staff is to ensure every child experiences an engaging, inclusive, and rich education from arts, science, and music to core foundational skills. Every day at Friars offers a new opportunity to learn, explore, and excel, and we are proud to support a school culture where every individual is welcomed and valued.

The Role of the Governing Body

As governors, our primary responsibility is to maintain a strategic overview of the school's performance and long-term direction. Unlike school leaders, governors do not manage the day-to-day operations of the school. Instead, our key duties include:

- **Strategic Vision:** Setting the long-term goals, policies, and strategic priorities for Friars Primary School.
- **Accountability & Support:** Acting as a "critical friend" to the Headteacher and Senior Leaders by offering constructive insight, monitoring progress, and holding leadership accountable for educational outcomes.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Ensuring that the school budget and resources (including funding for facilities and specialist programs) are managed effectively and spent in the best interests of all pupils.

If you want to learn more about Friars Governing Board, visit our Governors page on the school website: <https://www.friarsprimaryschool.com/governors/>

Working in Partnership

A strong partnership between school and home is vital for our children to thrive. We value the support, dedication, and feedback that you, as parents and carers, bring to our school community.

There are many ways you can collaborate with us throughout the year:

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment
Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility



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- **Engage with School Life:** Attend school events, assemblies, and parent workshops.
- **Support Learning at Home:** Encourage reading, maintain regular attendance and punctuality, and keep up to date with school news and learning updates.
- **Share Your Views:** Participate in parent surveys and feedback via official channels so we can continuously strengthen our provision.

How to Contact Us

While day-to-day operational matters, classroom queries, or immediate concerns regarding your child should always be directed first to your child's class teacher, the school office or leadership team, the Governing Body is always keen to hear from our wider school community.

If you would like to contact the governors, ask strategic questions, or express interest in governor vacancies, you can reach us via email at **cog@friars.southwark.sch.uk**

Thank you for your continued partnership, commitment, and support. We look forward to working together to make this academic year a rewarding and successful one for all our children.

Warmest Regards,

The Governing Body

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