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Dear Parents and Carers,

Governance arrangements for Grove Park School

I am writing to you to you to inform you of the changes the local authority is making to the governance of Grove Park School.

Following consultation with the governing body of Grove Park, the local authority applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for approval to establish an Interim Executive Board ('IEB'). The application has been approved by the DfE and they have provided written consent for the local authority to appoint an IEB at the school with immediate effect.

The IEB will provide expertise, support and capacity to the school so that it can make rapid progress in securing improvement to standards and the quality of provision in the school. It will work closely with the school leadership team to bring about the improvements required. The IEB will take over all the roles and responsibilities of the governing body to provide governance for Grove Park until it is confident that the school is making the necessary progress.

The IEB members are:

1. Simon Chandler – Education consultant and experienced headteacher (chair).
2. Jessica Stubbings – East Sussex County Council Officer.
3. Shaun Jarvis – Former HMI and school leader with extensive leadership experience in specialist settings.
4. Linda Pannell – Member of the previous governing board.
5. Janet Bowen East Sussex County Council HR Officer (Associate Member)
6. Rose Blaauw - East Sussex County Council Finance Officer (Associate Member)

The DfE in approving the appointment of the IEB have stated their expectation that that the IEB is in place for no longer than a year and suggest reviewing the arrangements in the autumn term 2024 with a view to moving to a long-term governance option once the school's long-term viability is assured.

Once the IEB is satisfied that the school is securing a strong trajectory of improvement an exit strategy will be drawn up to ensure effective transition to new governance arrangements.

As a parent/carer you will be rightly concerned that your child receives the best possible education at Grove Park and the local authority is determined to work with you and the school to ensure that this is achieved. A remote meeting for parents and carers has been arranged so that you can meet me and other members of the IEB and to ask any questions that you have.

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The meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th May.

The meeting will be at 2.45pm:

Meeting ID: 318 577 072 731 Passcode: fcutuZ

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The meeting will be repeated at 6.00pm:

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Both meetings will be held remotely. Simply follow the links for your chosen time.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Chandler
Chair of the IEB