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Dear parents and carers and pupils,

Welcome back to you all, and a special welcome to our Gillamoor family if you are one of the seventeen new pupils joining us this term.

We also welcome Mrs Sarah Watkins to our teaching staff; I know you will do your very best to ensure she settles in well.

We, as the Governors, hope the huge difficulties the Gillamoor Community has faced over the last couple of years are now behind us and that we can concentrate on really getting stuck into an exciting new academic year.

As governors, our role is to guide the strategic direction of the school. This year there will be an emphasis on further embedding the Christian ethos of our school and on developing the educational and learning opportunities available across the Gillamoor curriculum.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please do let us know. As with all good things, Gillamoor's success is down to strong teamwork. Our wonderfully dedicated staff go above and beyond to give Gillamoor's pupils the very best, so we hope that all parents will continue to support the staff in this endeavour. You can really help your child by ensuring the daily reading and homework is done, as well as responding to things sent out in either your children's books or the newsletter. We really appreciate the PTA and how much they do to support the school, such as helping provide pupils with further educational trips and additional equipment; getting involved in the PTA not only helps your children but gives you a great opportunity to meet other parents.

Our pupils, we hope, will continue to enjoy giving of their best and will engage wholeheartedly with the wealth of activities available in the year ahead. We are blessed to have an energetic and caring staff team who are dedicated to ensuring that your children's educational experience is an inspiring and rewarding one, so please do continue to support them in their work.

We all look forward to meeting you over the next few months.

Kindest regards
The Governors