

10th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE BOARD (IEB)

I am delighted to have been asked by the Local Authority to chair the IEB at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College. I am looking forward to getting to know the school and the community over the next part of the school's journey.

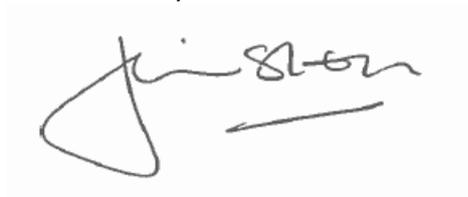
Through my work as the Chair of Governors at Richmond Methodist School, I have been designated by the Department of Education as a National Leader of Governance (NLG). Since then I have supported a number of maintained schools and academies. I have a background in education and have lived and worked in the area since 1996. Currently, I run my own education consultancy. I have a keen interest in ensuring all children get the best education they can, and that they enjoy doing so!

The last year has been difficult for our school community but our recent visit by Ofsted prior to Christmas indicates that we are making real progress. Ofsted identified that, "There are clear signs that leaders are having a positive impact and are starting to bring about necessary improvements" and "there is a shared aspiration for continual school improvement." Ofsted also reported that, "Safeguarding concerns identified at the previous inspection have now been addressed." Furthermore, "Governance is an emerging strength of the school." We know that there are still improvements to be made but the IEB is confident that the school is now going in the right direction.

Another indication of progress being made was evident at the Awards Evening. I thoroughly enjoyed the music and drama presented as well as recognising the wonderful achievements of past and present students at the school.

Please contact me via the school if you wish to speak with me. I look forward to meeting you at school events in the coming months.

Yours faithfully



Jan Linsley
Chair, NSSFC IEB