

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

25<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to add a note to Mr Cozier's Friday message from the governors at Highgate Wood School. It is important you know that even though the schedule of our meetings for Governing Body committees (Personnel, Curriculum and Finance and Resources) and the full Governing Body has changed, we are still very much doing our work of providing oversight and support for the school. However, for the time being, our meetings will be virtual instead of in-person.

Some of the issues we'll be discussing this term are:

- The school's strategic plans for the next academic year and beyond
- The budget for the next academic year,
- Next year's Year 7 intake,
- Staffing and recruitment, and
- The virtual curriculum, successes and challenges, how students are engaging with it, and how we take it forward.

This term, we'll be recruiting several new parent governors, and if there was ever a time to consider making a contribution to your school community, with challenges and opportunities we couldn't have imagined even two or three months ago, now is the time. Please look out for more communications on this front, and get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Finally, on behalf of all governors, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cozier and the staff at Highgate Wood School who have truly gone above and beyond in ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our students. As Mr Cozier has said - our school is not a set of buildings, but a community of students, parents, staff, governors and neighbours. Never in the school's history has that been truer than it is now.

Regards

Elizabeth Hess  
**Chair of Governors**

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



5-minute  
showers



Drive  
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Lights  
off



Local  
produce



Recycle



Meat-free  
meals



Zero-waste  
fashion



Unplug



Refill and  
reuse



Bring your  
own bag