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## A Welcome from the Governing Body

The Governors of Dunholme St Chad's would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our pupils and families as we begin the 2026/27 school year. We would especially like to welcome those families who are joining our school community for the first time. We hope that both you and your children quickly feel at home in the caring, nurturing and friendly environment that we strive to provide every day. We look forward to working alongside you and celebrating your children's achievements and successes throughout the year ahead.

As we reflect on the previous academic year, we have so much to celebrate. The 2025/26 school year was filled with outstanding achievements by our pupils, staff and wider school community. The year began with the wonderful news that the school's Ofsted grading had improved, recognising the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by everyone involved in school life. We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together. Throughout the year, pupils also enjoyed success across a wide range of sporting, creative and academic opportunities, demonstrating the enthusiasm, resilience and talent that make our school so special. The year concluded with an exceptional set of Year 6 SATs results, which were significantly above national averages in all areas and reflected the hard work of both pupils and staff.

These achievements would not have been possible without the leadership of Mrs Appleby and the unwavering commitment of the entire school team. Every member of staff works tirelessly to ensure that children are supported, challenged and encouraged to reach their full potential, and we are extremely grateful for all they do.

As we begin a new year together, we would like to remind families of the importance of the Home-School Agreement and the role that a strong partnership between home and school plays in every child's success. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff who work hard to provide an engaging and enriching education for all pupils. To support staff wellbeing and enable them to focus on teaching and learning, the Governing Body has agreed that staff will not routinely respond to emails or messages outside of working hours. During the school day, teachers may also require time to respond as their priority will always be the children in their care.

Should parents or carers wish to contact a member of staff, all emails should be sent to the school office at [dunholmestchads@dunholme.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:dunholmestchads@dunholme.lincs.sch.uk) with a clear subject heading stating "FAO:" followed by the name of the intended recipient. Please note that office staff will not read the content of these messages and will simply forward them on to the appropriate member of staff. As such, parents should not expect Mrs Wallace, Mrs Honey or other front office staff to comment on, discuss or respond to the content of the email.



We kindly ask that all communications remain respectful and constructive, recognising that staff are supporting the needs of all children in their classes and across the school.

The Governing Body is committed to listening to and representing the views of our school community. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns that you would like to discuss with a governor, please contact the school office, who will be happy to arrange this.

We are always looking for ways to improve and develop our school. In October, a parent questionnaire will be shared via ParentHub, and we strongly encourage all families to take part. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us shape future priorities while ensuring that the voices of parents and carers are heard. Governors will also be available for informal conversations during Parents' Evenings, providing another opportunity to share your thoughts, celebrate successes and contribute ideas.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child enjoys a happy, successful and rewarding year at Dunholme St Chad's.

We wish all our pupils, both new and returning, a fantastic start to the new school year and look forward to seeing everything that they can achieve in the months ahead.

**The Governing Body**  
**Dunholme St Chad's CE Primary School**

