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Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Body of Hartlip School, to welcome you to the new school year here at Hartlip. I hope that you all had a pleasant and restful summer holiday and were able to enjoy quality time with your children.

I attach for your information and retention, a list of Hartlip School's Governing Body members as at 01.09.14 with vacancies indicated. A very brief description of the work of governors is provided. The role of the Governing Body is very important in all schools and, in the case of Hartlip as a Voluntary Aided School, is slightly different to most schools. Dates of Governing Body Meetings are also provided and parents should note that the half hour preceding each meeting is set aside for parents to come along, meet the governors and raise any queries they may have. Should you need to contact the Governing Body, please do so through the Clerk to the Governing Body at the school address, email or telephone number.

Also attached is information about current Governing Body vacancies and the system for applying to become a governor which I hope you will consider carefully.

Here at Hartlip School, we firmly believe in the value of good relations with the wider community and I would like to request your cooperation on one community matter. On behalf of our neighbours and in the interest of the safety of our children may I remind you of the problem of parking in the village. Our school, church and neighbouring properties are ancient buildings of major significance to the heritage and beauty of Hartlip. There is little pavement provision and the road is narrow. Our neighbours are patient and tolerant people who respect the school. They do however expect to be safe coming and going from their homes and, indeed, expect to be able to access and exit their homes and drives without hindrance. The community and school also need to be confident that emergency vehicles can pass through the village without obstruction. As more parents drive to school and there are increasing numbers of large vehicles, safety in the vicinity of the school and parking become bigger problems. We ask therefore that you park considerately.

Please do not park blocking access to neighbouring properties, do not park on the east side of The Street (i.e. opposite school) or between War Memorial and Lyche Gate of the Church.

We also request that, in no circumstances, should you park on pavements. Pavements are for the safe passage of pedestrians and pushchairs. Parking on them forces pedestrians onto the road and puts them in serious danger. Hartlip's narrow pavements also abut ancient buildings and walls which may be damaged by such parking.

On a happier note, may I wish you and your children a happy and productive year at Hartlip School and suggest that you consider becoming involved in the life of the school and wider community.

Yours Sincerely,

G.F.Addicott O.B.E.
Chair of Governors

