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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that all students are now settled into the new academic year. As always, it is a pleasure to see so many each day enjoying their time in and out of lesson here at school. A highlight this week has been the brilliant Open Evening where we had over 800 visitors to site, all were so impressed with our students who led tours or worked in subject areas showcasing the fantastic work here at school. If your child helped in any fashion, please thank them again, I was so proud of each and every one of them - they were superb.

In support of the continued growth of the Elm Tree Multi Academy Trust, I am pleased to share an update on our Local Governance Board at North Leamington School. I am delighted to announce that Lisa Whittleton has been elected as Chair of Governors, and Rob Kerr as Vice Chair. Both Lisa and Rob have served on the board previously in different capacities and I want to extend my thanks to them both in advance for their dedication and commitment to the effective running of our school. I would also like to take a moment to recognise Richard Freeth, our former Chair of Governors, who will now focus solely on his role as Chair of Trustees. Similarly, Rob Pearce, our previous Vice Chair of Governors, who will continue as Vice Chair of Trustees. Both Richard and Rob have contributed an incredible number of years to governing our school and as local community members and parents of former students, their dedication to our school is truly appreciated. They have been instrumental in ensuring that North Leamington School continues to thrive, and I am pleased they will remain integral to the Trust Board, supporting both North Leamington and Telford Junior School.

With this change we now have the opportunity to welcome new members to our Local Governing Board here at school. If you are interested in joining, I would encourage you to apply. We are seeking committed local individuals who will bring further skills to the already experienced board. If this is of interest to you, please complete this form [Become a Governor at North Leamington School Form](#) by Friday 4 October, - we will then be in touch to discuss your application. High-quality governance is critical to maintaining the high standards of education we offer, and we would be thrilled to have individuals join us. The role requires a minimum commitment of six evening meetings per year, as well as occasional school visits when appropriate.

Looking ahead, North Leamington School will be participating in Hello Yellow, supporting YoungMinds on Thursday 10 October, which is World Mental Health Day. On this day, students are encouraged to wear a yellow accessory alongside their usual NLS uniform to raise awareness and funds for this important cause. In addition, we will be holding a cake sale during break time, and we welcome students to either bake or donate cakes for the event. We have also added a donation option to our ParentPay page, and we appreciate any contributions that parents and carers are able to make. Sixth Form students will be able to pay on the day by card in the sixth form areas. As part of our focus on World Mental Health Day, students will receive guidance on how to support their own mental wellbeing and will be reminded of the resources and support available to them within the school. For further information, please visit the Mental Health section on our website. Additionally, YoungMinds provides valuable resources for parents and carers who may be concerned about a young person's mental health. These can be accessed via their website at www.youngminds.org.uk/parent.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of adhering to appropriate conduct when using the front car park, especially as we head into the autumn and winter months. The car park is extremely busy between 8:25am and 8:40am in the morning, and 3pm to 3:25pm in the afternoon. If possible, we kindly ask that you consider dropping off or picking up your child outside of these times to avoid congestion. The school gates are open from 8am, and students are welcome to use the library or canteen facilities while they wait. When entering the car park, please avoid using the front row unless it is a prearranged pickup point for students with additional needs. Please ensure that you park in designated bays and avoid blocking any driveways. Above all, please be kind and courteous to fellow road users, keeping your speed low, as students will be walking through the car park. A delay in the morning significantly impacts your child's learning, lesson content is delivered from 8:45am and all should be on site from 8:40am at the latest.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another successful term and wish everyone a positive and productive autumn ahead.



Mike Lowdell
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