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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful year, the North Wolds Federation Governing Body would like to share an overview of our work and the key areas we have focused on during 2025/26.

As governors, our role is to provide strategic leadership, support and challenge to school leaders, ensuring that every child receives the best possible education within a safe, caring and inclusive environment. Throughout the year we have met regularly to review school performance, monitor progress against priorities and make decisions that support the long-term success of both Market Rasen Church of England Primary School and Nettleton Community Primary School.

Supporting High Standards

Governors have closely monitored pupil achievement, attendance and school improvement. We have reviewed progress data throughout the year and received detailed reports on phonics, reading, writing, mathematics, Early Years outcomes and SATs preparation. We are pleased that attendance in both schools remains well above national averages and that staff continue to work hard to support all pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged or have additional needs.

We have also monitored progress against the School Development Plans and preparations for the new Ofsted framework to ensure both schools are well placed to continue improving.

We have also ended the school year with some really positive news about performance in the SATs tests that took place in May at both of our schools. My thanks to the hard work from all staff across both schools who have done so much to achieve these results.

Championing Inclusion and Special Educational Needs

A major focus this year has been supporting the growing number of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Governors have reviewed SEND provision, monitored the work of the Nest at Market Rasen and considered how resources and staffing can best meet increasingly complex needs. We have been pleased to see the dedication of staff in supporting children and families and ensuring that every child can thrive.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Safeguarding remains our highest priority. Governors receive regular safeguarding reports, undertake monitoring visits and review safeguarding audits to ensure robust systems are in place. We have also scrutinised attendance, behaviour, online safety and the support provided to vulnerable children and families.

Staff wellbeing has also been an important focus. Governors reviewed staff wellbeing survey results and discussed ways in which governors can become more visible and accessible to staff while continuing to recognise and support their hard work.

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Managing Finances Responsibly

Like many schools nationally, we face financial challenges arising from rising costs and changing pupil demographics. Governors have worked closely with school leaders to review budgets, consider long-term financial planning and ensure resources are used effectively. Despite these challenges, we have approved balanced budgets for the coming year and continue to plan carefully for the future.

Improving School Sites

Governors have monitored health and safety across both schools and supported improvements to buildings and grounds. Particular attention has been given to ongoing issues relating to the field behind Gainsborough Road at Market Rasen, where governors continue to press for a long-term solution. We have also reviewed plans for site improvements, new signage, sustainability initiatives and improvements to facilities.

Listening to Parents and Promoting Our Schools

We reviewed the results of parent surveys during the year and were delighted by the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from families. Governors were particularly pleased to hear that the vast majority of parents would recommend our schools to others. The governing body has supported ongoing work to strengthen marketing, improve websites, enhance communication and raise the profile of both schools within the local community.

Strengthening Governance

During the year we welcomed several new governors with expertise in areas including finance, engineering and health and safety, helping to strengthen the skills and capacity of the governing body. Governors have also undertaken training in safeguarding, finance, cyber security and governance to ensure we remain effective in our role.

Thank You

On behalf of the Governing Body, we would like to thank our Headteacher, senior leaders, staff, parents, carers and, most importantly, our pupils, for their commitment and contribution throughout the year.

We are proud of the caring, inclusive and ambitious school communities that make up the North Wolds Federation and remain committed to ensuring all children are supported to become wise, happy and successful learners, prepared for a bright future.

Finally, I would like to convey our special thanks to Dena Jones, Head of School at Nettleton, who is leaving us this week in order to become Headteacher at a school in Grimsby. She has made a great contribution to the Federation since she joined us around five years ago. We wish her well in her new role.

Yours sincerely, **Geoff Barnes**

Chair of Governors

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