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Dear Parents and Carers.

As many of you will know the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation came into being on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. At this point the Governing Body of Grassington Primary School ceased to exist and the new Board of twelve members took over to govern all four schools.

Of the 'former' Grassington governors David Macha, the Rector, will serve on the new body as an ex-officio member, where he will, hopefully, soon be joined by Mrs Barbara McLoughlin as one of the Foundation Governors. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Siobhan Tywang has also agreed to be Co-opted on to the new Governing Body as one of the three Co-Opted Governors.

In the interests of a smooth transition I will act as an Associate Members with responsibility for Grassington School, as directed by the Headteacher and the main Governing Body.

Personally it has been a great privilege to have been your Chairman these last four years and I have enjoyed it very much. I would like to thank all my fellow governors for their sterling work and dedicated service. Although the role is ever more challenging, it is also very rewarding.

Gratitude must also go to all past governors who have played a vital part in the stewardship of the school of which we are all justly proud.

My thanks extend to all the professionals with whom I have worked and in particular to the children who have always made me feel very welcome and are a constant delight, guaranteed to brighten up the bleakest day.

I have every confidence that the school will thrive and prosper in the future and continue to nurture our children, helping them to reach their potential, ready to move on to the next stage of their education as well rounded and caring young people.

Yours sincerely

Ian Douglass