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A few words from Mr Steve Smith – Chair of Governors

Thankfully we are now getting back to normal after COVID 19. It is lovely to be able to get back into school and see the children and the school in action. As governors we have worked hard over the last few years to improve our skills in challenging the Headteacher and being her 'critical friend' to support her and the team to raise standards across school. To do this, we have attended training run by the Local Authority for governors, we have been given specific information/training on assessment, data analysis, curriculum design, immersive classroom environments and much more by the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and some governors have met personally with Subject Leaders to gain an insight into their responsibilities. Governors have been encouraged by the Headteacher to come into school and to drop into classrooms to see what is happening daily. Governors have also been invited to INSET days and events through-out the year. This has all helped to give us as governors a more in-depth knowledge of the day-to-day running and management of the school. It has also enabled us to see what we hear at governors' meetings in practice and talk to the children and staff.

The governors are extremely delighted by the achievements made both by the children and staff during the COVID period and this last year. This culminated recently in a successful OFSTED inspection in June 2022, where it was my pleasure to sit and listen to the glowing reports of our school. It was lovely to see how the inspector had picked up on the school being at the heart of the community and that the school is like a family and the staff go the extra mile. I have witnessed this over and over again as I have been in school over the past years. Mrs Appleby and her team have high expectations for the children both socially and emotionally and academically and this shows in the strong results they achieve every year. KinCraig Primary school continues to grow from strength to strength.

I know all the governors are extremely pleased with our Headteacher and her team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide our children with the best education in order for them to reach and exceed their own individual potential.

I am very proud to be the Chair of Governors of such a forward-thinking school where in the words of our Headteacher 'Children are at the heart of everything we do'.

Mr Steve Smith
Chair of Governors