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'Every day, every family, matters.'

Tuesday 8th September 2026,

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Bowmansgreen, we are proud to offer a range of leadership opportunities to pupils. On **Thursday 17th September** we will hold our annual **Election Day** at Bowmansgreen. On this day, pupils and staff will cast their votes for this year's House Captains at our polling stations.

This week, each class will also elect their representative for the **Pupil Parliament**.

The Pupil Parliament will work closely with me throughout the year to ensure that pupils' voices are heard in important decisions about our school.

Following feedback from children, we are offering a variety of ways for pupils to apply to become a Member of the Pupil Parliament (MP). This allows every child to choose the method that best suits them. Options include:

- **Application form** – collected from the class teacher.
- **Manifesto poster** – sharing their ideas and promises.
- **Class speech** – a short talk to their classmates.
- **Video message** – recorded at home and emailed to admin@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk. Please bear in mind that if the file is too large, it may not be possible to play it.
- **Drawing or collage** – showing what makes a good MP.
- **Comic strip** – illustrating their ideas in a fun way.
- **Mind map** – a simple diagram of the qualities they would bring.
- **Symbol cards** – holding up or choosing cards that show their strengths (e.g. "I listen," "I care," "I'm fair").
- **Buddy support** – a friend presenting or reading their ideas for them.

Children may need some support at home to complete their chosen activity. Class teachers will give pupils time to share their applications and hold the class vote.

I am very much looking forward to working with our new Pupil Parliament and seeing the fantastic contributions they will make this year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Garwood', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mr Garwood

Deputy Headteacher