



Wednesday 15th July, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of Term Message – Governors

As we approach the end of such an unusual and challenging academic year, it is a time to reflect and consider our improvement priorities for 2020-21.

We are sure that you will join us in paying tribute to the considerable efforts, commitment and resilience of the staff and children. We are extremely proud of the speed in which everyone managed to work together to enable us to welcome back the pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, along with those children whose parents are keyworkers and those who are deemed as vulnerable.

Although we deeply regret the fact that so many of our children have been unable to attend school since the lockdown restrictions came into force in March, we were impressed by the speed in which the Home Learning opportunities were made available and the way in which our online Google Classrooms have developed. We are also extremely grateful to all the parents/carers who have done their best to support their children's learning from home and fully appreciate how challenging this has been.

Plans for the new School Year

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that schools will be opening for all pupils from September. Please be assured that School Leaders and Governors will continue to work hard to ensure that the return is managed as safely and smoothly as possible and that all our decisions are made in accordance with the latest Government guidance.

We will continue to focus on the improvement priorities which include the ongoing promotion of our core values of kindness, resilience, integrity and curiosity and the further development of the wider curriculum with a focus on subjects such as Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Computing and Physical Education (PE). However, we also understand the importance of doing our very best to make up for the lost learning time by implementing a rigorous catch-up programme for the children.

We would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 children all the best as they move on to the next stage of their education and to thank our parents/carers for your invaluable contribution especially during these difficult times. We are so grateful to the overwhelming majority of parents/carers for their co-operation, patience and understanding and know how much the staff have appreciated the kind messages of appreciation and support.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the fact that several members of our community, including staff, have experienced family illness and bereavements during this time. We hope that it may be of some comfort to know that they are in our thoughts and that we are committed to providing them with all the support we can.

Thank you and we hope that everyone is able to enjoy a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Jones (Chair of Governors) & Michelle Lepherd (Vice Chair of Governors)