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'Let us love one another, for love comes from God' 1 John ch 4 vs 11

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well what a term it has been! A year ago I'd never have thought I'd be sitting here writing to you in the middle of a Worldwide pandemic.

I wanted to take this opportunity at the end of term to write a short letter to say how as a governing body we have been incredibly impressed by the examples of home schooling that we've heard about and seen, particularly on the Facebook pages for both our schools. There are some great photos and posts of what they've been up to at home - well done!

A few of us on the governing board are also parents and so from a parental perspective we completely appreciate the challenge of suddenly having your children at home and having to juggle home schooling, work and family life. Yet throughout this period there have been opportunities to spend time with our own children and make memories that otherwise would not have been made, so upon reflection I'm personally grateful for this.

During the past few months we've seen our schools and staff quickly adapt from full time classroom teaching to providing a remote curriculum and this has presented new challenges and opportunities. New challenges and opportunities that I'm pleased to say have been embraced by all and we have increasingly challenged ourselves, as a school team of both teachers and governors, to keep pushing the possible, trying new ways to stay engaged with our children. Thank you to all of the staff in school for working so diligently to ensure that the ever-changing guidance has been quickly put into place and for their adaptability and creativity.

Thank you for the way you have worked with us to ensure that those who could return to school these past few weeks have been able to do so safely, your understanding during this time has been really appreciated.

As we look forward to September, we are supporting Laura and Emily, in their roles as leaders of the schools, as they put preparations in place to safely bring all our children back to school. We are excited to begin the new term and the next topic of the immersive curriculum that they and the team have been working on. We look forward also to welcoming our new members of staff and know that they will help us to continue to grow and create curiosity for learning within each child.

Thank you again for your support and have a great summer.

Kind regards

Sam Lee

Chair of Governors

