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Governors End of Term Letter Summer 2020

The last four months have been a troubled and challenging period for all of us but hopefully we are now emerging from this period of uncertainty and fear to a more stable and promising time. Throughout that time we were guided by government advice and restrictions and the governors have worked very closely with the Headteacher and staff to try and ensure that we met as fully as possible the needs of the children within the changing limits set. The staff have worked extremely hard to adjust to and meet the constantly changing scenario and we as Governors fully recognise this and are very grateful for the work, they've done to keep the school open throughout this time. Not all schools achieved this. We would like again to record our deep admiration for the staff who answered the government's plea to keep the school open, despite the risk posed to their own and their families' health and I'm sure that this is also echoed by all parents. A big vote of thanks needs to go to all of them from us.

We also recognise that you as parents or carers have worked well with the school to try and ensure that your children's needs were best served, either as those children still attending school or those working at home. Liaison between school and home has been good both ways. The Headteacher's weekly newsletters have kept everyone up to date with events and future plans.

As we move forward the governors are working closely with the staff to plan for September's return to school. At present despite the 1m rule we believe that with safeguarding adjustments all pupils will be returning to school as outlined by the government in September. We are also aware that for some children this may be challenging but the Headteachers plan to ease children back into school gently in September, and reawaken their learning routine. Obviously, a big challenge will be to assess where children are with their learning and to plan how, if necessary, to help them to catch up on missed learning opportunities whilst still offering a broad and balanced curriculum. Governors have agreed to provide extra funding where necessary for this from existing funds, as well as hopefully tapping into extra government funding. We must however remember that whilst COVID 19 is a big challenge that has to be met we also have to meet the normal needs of the school that existed before COVID 19.

Difficult and unusual times still lie ahead but if we all continue to work together in a mutually supporting role, noting and abiding by government and school advice, we will come through this with the minimum of heartache. The school remains in a good place educationally, financially and socially with good positive endorsements from you about all aspects of the school and once things return to some resemblance of normality we can move forward successfully as before.

We would ask you to continue to support the staff as they also cope with both the demands placed on them and their own personal health and well-being as well as that of their own families.

Dave Hedgley

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing body.