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End of Term letter Spring 2021.

These last three months have remained a troubled and challenging period for all of us in a year of COVID upheaval to our children's education. Hopefully, we are now emerging from this with the prospect of COVID-19 vaccines offering a more stable and promising future. Throughout this time, as we have been guided by Government advice and restrictions, the Governors have continued to work closely with the school staff to ensure that we met as fully as possible the needs of the children within the challenging limits set. During the first lock-down, the second wave and the most recent lock-down the staff have worked extremely hard to adjust and to meet the constantly changing scenario. We, as Governors, fully recognise this and are very grateful for the continued work they have done to keep the school open throughout this time. 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 am sure that this is echoed by all parents.

We also recognise that you, as parents or carers, have continued to work with the school to ensure that your child's needs were best served. Liaison and support between school and home has remained very good. The measures that were put in place by staff for home learning have received very positive feedback. Mr Brough's frequent newsletters have kept everyone up to date with events and plans and the reasons behind these.

As we move forward into a full return to school the Governors are continuing to work closely with the staff to ensure that the education of our children runs as smoothly, safely and efficiently as possible. We believe that the safeguarding adjustments made meet the present circumstances as safely as possible for all within the school. The plans the staff made to ease children back into school gently - both in September and now - and to reawaken their learning routine have worked well and attendance has been good. Assessment of the children, as well as plans to help them to catch up on missed learning opportunities whilst still offering a broad and balanced curriculum, are yet again in place. The Governors have again agreed to provide extra funding for this where necessary from existing funds, as well as using the additional Government funding.

Whilst COVID-19 is a challenge that must be met, we are also meeting the needs of the school that existed before COVID-19. Meetings of the Governing Body have continued to take place via Zoom and liaison with staff (via Zoom or socially distanced meetings in school) help us carry on with our normal Governor tasks. The Headteacher has been giving Governors updates approximately every two weeks during the last lock-down. We are sorry to lose Jules Edwards, who has resigned as a Parent Governor, and elections for a replacement will take place shortly.

The staff used some innovative strategies to carry on with normal school events during the lock-down but we have, of course, missed proper gatherings and being able to meet in school together. 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. 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 in all that they do to make the school a happy and educationally positive place for your children.

David Hedgley on behalf of the Governing Body.