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To Staff, Parents and Children.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank the whole school community for pulling together during these challenging times.

Firstly, thanks to all the staff and Mrs Smallwood for leading the school with such dedication and care, the wellbeing of the children has always been their top priority throughout the pandemic for which we are incredibly grateful. Responding to rapidly changing information and guidance is challenging to say the least but by pulling together they have continued to provide quality education for our children whether that be in school for critical worker children or home learning. We appreciate all your hard work.

To all parents and families, governors recognise what a difficult time this is and that everyone is dealing with different circumstances whilst trying to support and supervise your children's learning. We thank you for your support, patience, and understanding, to your children, staff and other parents and hope you feel good about what you are accomplishing. We know it isn't easy and would like to reassure you that the staff are there to help, if you have any questions or concerns please do get in touch. We would also like to reassure you that all children, whatever their experiences, will be supported when they return to school.

Thank you and well done to pupils, both those in school and home-schooling. We have heard you have been great at adapting to the changes in circumstances and are carrying on with a good attitude to learning. You should be very proud of yourselves.

The governors are really impressed with the way everyone has rallied in these very difficult circumstances. The dark, cold days make this third lockdown even more demanding but the positive comments from parents, coupled with the positive attitude of the staff, is inspiring.

One of the strengths of a smaller school is the way that people come together as a big family. That is certainly true at present!

The governors are very proud of the whole school during the last year, which included the successful completion of the preschool. We are sure that the school will emerge from the pandemic having become stronger through adversity.

Chris Norman
Chair of Governors