

16 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of what has been a very challenging year, I want to personally thank the many families who have got in touch with school to tell us how we have made your children feel safe during this unprecedented world event.

Thank you.

Your positive comments and support mean so much to all of us. We love working with your children and know how hard the last few months have been for everyone. A good school should be at the heart of its community, so it has been lovely to have such supportive feedback.

I have reviewed our Covid-19 risk assessment and decided that we will be keeping our current practices in place. I will review these again in April 2021. I understand that it is concerning when you receive a letter telling you that we have a confirmed positive case in the school community, however these letters are standard letters from Public Health England and as a parent, I would prefer to kept up to date with what is happening, rather than have information withheld. I will therefore ensure that you are always informed when we have a positive case in school.

It is clear that 2021 will continue to prove to be challenging, but I am confident that if we carry on working positively together, our children will thrive and be happy at school. The most important thing we can do as adults is to make sure that children do not miss out on their education and continue to attend school every day. We all want our children to have ambitious and successful futures and if we continue to work together, we will make that happen.

My vision for this year had been to include parents and carers in management decisions about the running of your school and whilst this has been somewhat paused due to Covid-19, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed two parent governors to join our school governing body. The role of governors is to provide challenge and a parent perspective, so I am delighted that Annette Hearne and John Hays have joined this board to represent parents and carers in our community. There will be opportunities next year for all parents and carers to share their views about the school with the governing body as I want to ensure you feel part of the school.

For all of us, it is going to be a very different kind of Christmas. For those families with vulnerable family members, I hope that the Covid-19 vaccine will bring some much needed relief during this anxious time. For all of our families, and on behalf of the school, I wish you lots of socially distanced festive cheer and that you enjoy family time with your loved ones.

I look forward to seeing you in 2021 😊!



Mrs Joanne Wilson
Principal