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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of term and after the most challenging times we have faced as a nation for many years.

Despite the vast range of views, approaches and opinions within our community, it has never felt stronger. We as a school staff have had complete admiration for you and your families during this period of extreme pressure. Your children do you great credit to have re-entered the school time and time again with enthusiasm and an eagerness to socialise and to learn.

I will be following the guidance over the holiday but hope to be returning to a more child-friendly version of school next term. Please watch Twitter for any updates before the start of term. A letter will also follow-up any specific arrangements. And this is where I hope to leave COVID news.

We have many developments to look forward to next academic year. Over the holiday there will be a great deal of work undertaken for the new classrooms. I will Tweet when we know the date the unit will be moved onto site. We do have contingency plans in case of a delay, but I am hoping we are secure in our planning. Aligned to this we have been making preparations for our new structure of seven year group classes with recruitment of staff and the development of our curriculum. We start the new year in a very strong position for our teaching and learning due to my fabulous team:

Mrs Masters and Mrs Soakell, both relatively new to their roles, have been renamed as the 'engine room'. They have dealt with the many complications of the last year with aplomb and have ensured that I well supported for my work too.

Our Lunchtime Supervisors are a great team. We all knew how hard they worked but when they were all away recently, and we were serving lunches, supervising, washing and drying, we have all appreciated them that little bit more!

Our premises staff have worked very hard to keep on top of new regulations and a changing team to ensure we work in the best environment possible. Headteachers visiting our school often leave with envy of the condition of our building and site.

The classroom staff, have been a dynamic and flexible force throughout this year. They ensure every child is cared for from arrival to home time. They fully committed to home learning, Tweeting, developing rapports over the phone with families and children at a moment's notice. This was all achieved whilst teaching within school, coping with their own family circumstances and with enthusiasm too. Bravo!

My SLT, Miss Chadbourne and Mrs Kenchington, have grown into the best support a Headteacher could have. They are hard-working, rigorous and so thoughtful all whilst supporting the vision of the school through their consideration of each child.

However, we would not be here if you had not entrusted us with your most precious bundles. The Year 6 children leaving us have been a joy to have in school; but they are ready to take the next step. Regardless of year group, your fabulous children bring us pleasure, make us laugh and delight us every day with their questions and curiosity. They are the reason we come to this school and have the best job in the world.

In brief, I am reflecting on how fortunate I am to be working with this team and your children. A sincere thank you to you all.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday with friends and family and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7 September 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis
Headteacher