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ACADEMY

Friday 17th July

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

The end of term is always a time of reflection in schools about the progress that we've made and about where we are going during the next academic year. We know that the last few months have been incredibly challenging for everyone in our community. Whilst we are still not quite back to normal, I am so proud of how our academy has supported the children during this crisis.

The hard work of all of the staff has enabled pupils to be supported at home and at school throughout this most difficult period and my heartfelt thanks goes to all of my team for taking on everything I've asked of them positively and with determination. I could thank everyone individually, but special mentions have to go to Mrs James and Mrs Castle, our primary first aiders, who have been ever present since March, Mr Whitlock for his special delivery service and to Mrs Maher and Mrs Smith for their complete dedication to ensuring the well-being of our children.

I would also like to thank all of our families for the support that you have provided to us. I understand that the frequent changes to groupings and timings must have been frustrating and am so grateful for your understanding that these alterations allowed more children to come to school in a safe and controlled manner. I also thank you for keeping your children going at home with home learning – this has been so important in maintaining the children's progress.

I am so proud to lead our fantastic school and am really excited to take the next step back to normality through having all of the children back in September. Our first priority is to ensure that the children are settled and ready to learn from 7th September. We will then continue to ensure that our school provides the opportunity to 'Empower and Enable' to the absolute best of our ability. I've no doubt having seen so many children back over the last few weeks that they will continue to wow us with their adaptability, optimism and courage.

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 7th September under the arrangements sent out earlier in the week.

Best wishes as always,

Principal

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