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## Learning Living Loving Together

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Dear Parent/Carer

After the second week of being open for education instead of key worker child care, I would like to take the time to write to you as the Chair of Governors.

I would like to believe that all of you appreciate that since the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we have been in a new normal. During this time the school has continued to operate and as a Governor team we have actively engaged with the School leadership team while they made key decisions.

A guiding influence on every decision that is made is the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils. With that in mind, the school made the active decision for education packs to be sent home rather than deliver online lessons to give every pupil the ability to access work. We believe that this was the right approach and you should have received your 2<sup>nd</sup> education pack as well as contact from teachers. Some have now received a third pack which school are working on to get distributed. We know that many of you have welcomed these packs for use at home and the feedback has been mainly positive. For those that have wanted more, I know the teachers have been contributing to the regular newsletters and twitter streams with additional optional resources.

In the past 10 days we have also re-opened the school as an education establishment rather than just keyworker care. It was a huge pleasure to visit the school on a monitoring visit, observing from outside of classrooms. Through the class windows it was clear to see the children were clearly happy to be back and although it's a shame we can't be back in a normal sense, it was lovely to see such a hive of productivity and smiles.

As Chair of Governors, clearly I'm not only in school to check that everybody is happy, I was shown how we have implemented the vast number of risk assessment changes that were required for the school to re-open. It was a pleasure to see them all working and the school team stepping up and embracing the changes. It was also clear that as a school we are using every facility we have available and preparing additional materials to be sent home to those that cannot be in school across all year groups. To be clear, at present we have facilities for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and children of key workers.

Another key observation we as governors use is feedback from parents. It was lovely to read the feedback that had been sent into school, especially those that not only commented on how well the school had adapted but had passed on thanks to the staff who have been working tirelessly throughout the crisis. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on the thanks from the governors to all the William Law Team, who have gone over and above the normal requests to serve the school and its community, without maybe the public support and recognition that others have received during this crisis.

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Thank you again for your continuing positivity in these troubling times. Speaking with Mrs Cunningham and the leadership team, it is clear that observations and best practice are promoting changes and that they are implementing them when it's right for the children.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Toms  
Chair of Governors