

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you thank you for your support in what has been a difficult week for the school. As always your support has meant that we were able to keep all our children and staff safe. As a school we follow the government guidance for schools and the Department of Education were contacted in the first instance to ensure we took measures to protect our school and local community and their advice followed. This meant that two of our classes are having to self isolate under this advice and in line with our school risk assessment. Public Health has been notified and will ensure we are following guidance and give us support with any decisions.

We will keep you updated with any changes or updates to the guidance we receive around the isolation period and thank you for your patience. I realise it is incredibly frustrating but everyone is working towards the same goal to keep our children and families safe at this very uncertain time. We have been able to navigate the pandemic up to this point without any bubble closures and it is frustrating for us as a school that this has happened so close to the end of term, however we remain committed to working through it as a school family and that is why we are so grateful to have such supportive families - once again proving our school family really is 'a small school with a big heart'.

As we enter into an uncertain last week of term (and my last week as Head of Academy) I know that we will come together to give the children some memories of community and friendship, whether that is virtually or face to face. Some of the end of term celebrations will be held virtually and some will be an abridged version on the last day. All classes whether in school or at home will have the opportunity to reflect on the year they have had and the teachers have been thinking creatively about ways to do this. The remote learning this time is very much centred on supporting the children emotionally and keeping a sense of community and giving them some fun end of year activities!

We will of course keep you updated with what is happening on a daily basis and we know that communication is key.

This week I have been talking about how our children have lived our vision over the past 18 months with leaders across the Trust and the Diocese. I was incredibly proud of the way we have come through the global pandemic as a school family, thinking back to the first lockdown in March 2020, and have celebrated our children living and breathing our school values throughout these unprecedented times.



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I am reminded of my mantra during that time and I hope that it helps the children as they face any disappointment; *'Everyday may not be good, but there is something good in every day.'*

I hope that you have a safe weekend and please do get in touch if we can support in any way.

Thank you again for your support.

*Mrs Edwards*

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Head of Academy

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