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Christmas 2021 Letter from the Governing Body

Dear Parents,

These last few months have proved yet again to be very challenging to everyone in one way or another and our hope that when school returned in September we could look forward to a more stable and less challenging time has not fully materialised. I would however again like to thank everyone whether a staff member, governor, parent or child for the positive manner in which you have responded yet again to the challenges we were set. The school staff have tried hard to make things as normal as possible for the children in school and the very positive response in the recent Parental Survey reflects your appreciation of this with a 97% good to excellent approval rating of the schools response to meeting the needs of the children throughout this period. The final results of the survey will be placed on the school website after Christmas but yet again 100% of parents rated the school as good or excellent. It was very heart-warming to see everyone in school again.

One of the areas that did receive a mention regarding needing improvement was extra-curricular activities and we will investigate that. It must be said though that this has been an area that has been difficult to implement during imposed health and safety restrictions. Again we must thank staff for trying to make things as normal as possible within restrictions with the Christmas events calendar. Not all schools have done this. In this coming year the staff will continue to build on the recovery plan alongside delivering the normal school curriculum relevant to each age group.

The Governors will continue to support the school in delivering this as well as monitoring the progress of the pupils and the other aspects of school life they are responsible for ensuring. The work that the Governing Body has done over the last year can be found in the Governor Impact statement for 2020-21 on the school website. David Hedgley and Anson Crouch have been re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair for another 2 years. We as a Governing Body are still short of a Foundation Governor. We will also in order to provide sustainable continuity by looking for Associate Governors in the New Year.

The one big difference this term was the incorporation of the nursery into the school itself. This has been very successful and a big thanks must go to the former CCFC committee who paid for the redecoration and carpeting of the nursery which looks really good. Indeed it has highlighted those other areas within main school are in need of a makeover too. Ideally through the nursery we would like to grow our school numbers and you as parents are the best source for the promotion of this so please spread the word of how good a school we are.

When we return after Christmas we must work towards continuing to reclaim our school back from this awful pandemic and once again provide the children with the school and experiences that we know they love and enjoy being a part of.

Please continue to support SOCS with their fund raising as it does make such a difference to what we can provide. They have recently provided the end of year party for the children and purchased the stage lighting.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank all the staff for the work they've put in over this last year to meet the needs of the children and make the school the wonderful place many of you refer to it as.

It just remains to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dave Hedgley

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.