

St. John's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this exceptional academic year is drawing to a close, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to our school staff and many others in our St. John's school community.

It's difficult to put into words how proud we are of how the staff and leadership of our school have responded to the extraordinary challenges of the last 100 days. They have worked tirelessly since March to support St. John's children's learning and emotional well-being. When lockdown was announced, the team rallied to accelerate the roll-out of the online learning platforms and redesigned the curriculum to be delivered remotely and electronically while maintaining our children's online safety. They also worked with families to determine when using the online learning platform would be a challenge and worked to put other means in place when required. As a result, St. John's children have had the opportunity to continue their learning in many subjects across the curriculum and, importantly, receive *feedback* from their teachers. The St. John's team delivered an outstanding level of preparedness and response to this.

During this time, the staff have also ensured the school buildings stayed open every week since March for children of our key workers and our vulnerable children. This term, we have been delighted to welcome back as many children to the school as it is possible to do in line with the government's requirements, including more children of our key worker families, our EYFS children and our Year 6 children. Achieving this as safely as possible required a huge amount of effort from the staff to develop and implement new school procedures. As always, they have delivered on the school's wider re-opening with continued positivity and determination to do the very best for St. John's children.

We recognize that *everyone* both in the school staff and supporting the school has played a role with the delivery of this: our teachers, our LSAs, our premises & administration team, our SMSAs, our school meals team, our cleaners, and our external support including our Health and Safety advisors and specialist support for our children with learning differences. They have really given their all and we could not be more appreciative. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Hoye and the entire Senior Leadership Team in the school for leading the school and supporting everyone's well-being so much.

As you know, we are still limited by the government guidance in terms of the number of children who can return to school before the end of this academic year. It was welcome news from the government yesterday that they will permit all children to physically return to school in September. We can't wait to have all the St. John's children back at school.

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For our children and families who are moving on from St. John's this year, we wish you all the very best and every continued success. We hope your children remember their time at St. John's fondly and continue to aspire to "together, fly high like eagles".

We would like to say a special thank you and farewell to the members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year: Mrs. Jenny Morton, Mr. Arron Berry, Miss Charlotte Woodrow, and Miss Megan Gaston. And a very special thank you to Mrs. Julia Packham, who is retiring after 15 years at St. John's. Thank you all for your service to our school and our children and our very best wishes for your future endeavours.

On a final note, we would also like to express our thanks to all of you: for your support for the school this year and for all your help with delivering the remote learning. Hope you all have a good summer.

Best regards

The St. John's Governing Body