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20th July 2020

Dear current and new Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well, and that your child/children have now had at least some physical contact with their class and teacher before this very strange academic year ends.

Apart from the obvious challenges, the last few months have also seen more frequent communications and messages from the school, which we hope you have found useful and timely. Unfortunately, with so much focus being on the home schooling and in-school provision, there is a chance that some good news will be missed or forgotten.

As detailed in my letter of 23rd March 2020 we are delighted to have our new Headteacher Mr Simon Mitchell-Innes starting with us in September. We have been working with Mr Mitchell-Innes and Mr Clay to plan a slightly more unusual handover in readiness for the back to school provision in September.

As this handover reaches its conclusion you will see a gradual passing of the communications and responsibility from Mr Clay to Mr Mitchell-Innes, that will include confirmation of the back to school procedures for September along with clear contact details should you have any questions before the new school year starts.

These past few months has shown us the value of having an experienced Headteacher leading our school and our thanks again goes to Mr Clay and his team for all of their combined efforts.

We are also delighted to have significant experience joining us in Mr Mitchell-Innes and we will all be working together to ensure the children of academic year 20/21 have the best and most enjoyable learning experience.

Before we move to close this school year on behalf of the Governing Body we would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Clay for the way he has led the school during his 10 years with us. When appointed we had a significant to-do list; a growing school needing to move from two to three form entry, a large and disruptive new build project, the demands of an ever-changing curriculum and enhancing and developing the staff structure and team.

Mr Clay has successfully steered us through all of the above as well as being a much-respected leader amongst his peers in the area. During his time many children have come through our school and you

only have to see and remember the hundreds of pictures Mr Clay has posted around the school to see all that has been achieved whilst ensuring our children focus on enjoying their learning, and all of those smiles (some toothy of course!) tell us everything we need to know. The productions will also live long in the memory, along with Mr Clay's own music skills.

The school is in a very strong and stable position thanks to Mr Clay, with an excellent foundation from which Mr Mitchell-Innes can continue the good work.

Please join me and whole Governing Body in thanking Mr Clay, and welcoming Mr Mitchell-Innes.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Ratcliffe
Chair of Governors