

Water Primary School

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Dear parents/guardians

At this time of year I usually write a letter thanking you all for your support in general and for any generous gifts or cards given to staff.

This year, I cannot express in words how thankful we are for your incredible support, encouragement and kindness. No amount of words can do justice to your unwavering trust in us, to both care and educate your children during this horrendous time, especially when there must have been extreme times of worry for you, as there have been for all of us.

Thank you for your patience, no more so than, when this year began to unfold in March. We were aware of the need for haste in sharing information with you all around the time of the partial closure. You needed to change your work patterns and arrange childcare. I know many of you continued to work on the frontline, while entrusting your children to our care. We were grateful for your faith and your contribution to tackling the virus in this phase. Many of you, with no warning, made difficult arrangements to keep your children at home. I know from my own experience how difficult home learning is, very few teachers would choose to home educate their children. Well done and thank you.

Thank you for reading the endless emails, messages, letters and watching our videos. We have all had contradictory messages and we have all found out about important decisions at the same time. You have always understood this and you have always been kind in accepting the difficulty in making decisions. Sometimes we have got things wrong and sometimes we have had to change decisions. I am hoping, we have at times, made things easier for you but thank you.

Thank you for all your support as we returned in September, so many changes, again so many letters to read, classrooms changed, times changing, just so many changes but because of your support we made it work. Thank you.

No nativity, no trips out and opportunities, no chats on the school yard, no welcome meetings, no face to face parents' evenings, No Good News Assembly. Thank you for understanding this.

It has been so difficult to be together as a school community, in fact it has almost been impossible, yet somehow I feel that, we are as close and as together and as united, as we have ever been. The biggest lesson I have learned from all of this, is that no matter what, no matter the challenges we face, we must stick together, stay together and keep connected. Be united in all that we do. We have been one amazing team and for that I am extremely proud.

Thank you, I hope you have a wonderful, wonderful Christmas, rest and time with your precious families.

Mr Willan

Headteacher