

Learning together to be the best we can be

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A Letter from the Chair of Governors to Children, Parents & Carers, Staff and Governors

Dear All

I send you all warm wishes as we prepare to start our Summer vacation. This year has been an unprecedented time with us all having to face many unknowns and constant challenges and changes. I am writing to thank you all for your support during these taxing months of Covid. It has been a very hard period of time for parents, staff and children alike at Horton Grange. As you will know all the team at Horton Grange have worked tirelessly over this period, with the wellbeing of our pupils being at the heart of every decision made and in keeping everyone safe and well educated. There has been a real sense of teamwork and community spirit and we hope we can take forward some learning on what has worked well.

Although, due to Covid-19 restrictions, governors have not been able to visit the school we have been in regular contact and conversation with Mrs Irving and the school staff and held several virtual governor business meetings. I thank all our governors for their work in supporting the school and in ensuring continued positive strategic development. We have read lots of interesting and exciting information to keep us up to date. We have learnt how brilliant our children have been in adapting to a return to school in September following a period of lockdown closure and then closure of 'bubbles', due to positive Covid results. We are very proud to hear that the children have responded positively to the various changes and rules to support the different 'bubbles' in looking to keep themselves and others safe.

Well done to all our children and a very big THANK YOU for your enthusiasm and positive approach. I take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support. I thank parents for continuing to accept and abide by the rules as part of the Covid risk assessment. Several parents have sent some lovely messages of support into school and I know staff have greatly appreciated the positive comments that they have received from many of our families. Staff are working exceptionally hard in very difficult times and I wish to express huge gratitude to every member of the staff team for their dedication and commitment. Staff have been very keen to keep the school as normal as possible and have worked hard to make sure that school is still an exciting and positive experience, despite the changes.

I am proud and pleased to be part of Horton Grange's family and thank each and every one of you for your valued contributions.

THANK YOU. I wish everyone a very good summer.

Yours sincerely

Janet Dyson
Chair of Governors On behalf of the Governing Body

