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Dear Parents/Carers

At this time of year, I would normally be writing a newsletter to send out, letting you know what the governors of St Edmund's have been up to this year. However, the reality has been that since March we, like many of you, have had to find a new way of working and have had different priorities and focuses.

The main focus of our work since early March has been to work with and support Mrs Moreland and her team as they ploughed their way through the constantly changing circumstances and guidance. As you can imagine, the safety of all children was always a concern whilst school was shut to most children, as was the huge health & safety challenge presented by COVID-19 for everyone on our school site. Every step of the way, Mrs Moreland and her team kept us informed with everything that she was putting in place, so that we were confident that the school staff were working within the guidance to keep everyone safe, at the same time as teaching the children that were in school and providing appropriate resources for those working at home.

We have, of course, had to keep an eye on school finances, costs and savings associated with running school during the pandemic, whilst also thinking ahead to September and beyond and what challenges a new term will bring. The whole governing body has been impressed by the collective efforts of our school staff, led by Mrs Moreland and Mrs Green, as they have steered our school through what will hopefully be the biggest challenge that we will have to face.

We have also been impressed by the fortitude and resilience demonstrated by you and your children. I doubt there is a person among us that has been unaffected by Coronavirus, and many will have challenges to face for many months ahead, but the strength of our school is our community and how we look after each other, and never is that more important than at a time like this.

As this school year ends, everything has been very different for the children, especially for the year 6 children, but we are sure that they will be well cared for and supported as they transition to the next phase of their education - we wish them all happiness and success. Some families are leaving St Edmund's and we wish them well, a special mention must go to the Hill family as the youngest member of the family leaves St Edmund's – 26 years of school runs deserves a medal!!!

We hope that as lockdown eases, you will be able to get out and about a little more and enjoy some lovely family time over the Summer holidays. We hope the warm, sunny weather returns and that you all stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing you all again in the Autumn Term and to our community being able to be together again.

With our very best wishes to you all,

The Governing Board of St Edmund's



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