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Dear Parents and Carers

When governors wrote to you back at the start of the school year it was to look forward to an exciting year for the school and pupils.

What a year it has turned out to be. In the second week of the first term we were the first school in Manchester to be inspected by OFSTED using the new inspection method. We were pleased to be rated GOOD. For a few weeks Mrs Eken became Manchester's expert on the new inspection method.

But then came Covid-19. For many of you your children have not been in school since 20th March. We have all been learning new skills since then. Teachers have had to learn to be online teachers on Google classroom. Many of you will have discovered new skills as teaching assistants encouraging and guiding your children to complete the work sent out either online or by post.

It has been really pleasing to see the response. Nearly all our pupils have been actively engaging with this work. The School's Facebook page has been full of beautiful examples of their work. You are to be congratulated on the effort you have put into this. The figures for engagement with schoolwork are far better figure than many other schools.

Since the start of June, we have been able to welcome some year groups back to school but some children will not be back in school until September.

The government has told us to plan for all pupils to return to school in September. Over coming weeks Mrs Eken will be contacting you with detail of the reopening plans. Please be assured that the safety of your children will be the most important part of this.

We wish you all a good summer. Hopefully the weather will be good this year and not turn wet just as the holiday period starts as it did last summer.

We will write to you again at the start of next year.

Finally, we have a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body. If you would be interested in supporting the school this way, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Madley

Chair of Governors



Headteacher: Mrs H Eken
Heads of School: Mrs F Davies & Miss A Holt
Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Madley

