



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**A letter of thanks from the Co- Chairs of Governors at Claycots School**

Dear Claycots Staff, Parents and Carers

As a year like no other comes to a close, Sarah and I would like to thank all the teaching and non- teaching staff for their hard work this term. Their total commitment to the children during this very challenging year has been commendable. Coping with the speed with which things had to change, the uncertainty it created and the anxiety, that all may have felt must have been overwhelming, but you kept it all going!

To the school leadership team:- You have faced challenges you couldn't have imagined a year ago. The dedication and resilience shown by your team as they have put new systems in place and supported learning both in school and at home has been incredible. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping our children safe and ensuring they continue to have an outstanding school environment.

I also want to thank our wonderful children for their hard work throughout this term. It has been a privilege to see the children learning new concepts from an ever-challenging curriculum and continuing to make progress throughout the term. I'm sure you will agree, the last year has been so strange that it's almost hard to recall the time before lockdown and what 'normal' school life was like but watching our children adapt to the new normal has been amazing.

To our Governing Body:- The role of a Governor is very challenging and all our Governors are volunteers who work hard to ensure that our school is the best it can be. So, a huge thankyou to you all for your commitment and support that you have each given this term.

The Governors have met several times online and our Senior Leaders have updated us regularly on all the developments. We usually visit the school regularly throughout the year and have really missed being able to come into school to see what is happening.

I would also like take this opportunity to thank you as Parents and Carers, for the support that each one of you gives to Claycots School, our wonderful pupils, the staff and the Governing Body.

We recognise how difficult this time has been for everyone, and we sincerely hope that 2021 year will look and feel much more like normal.

On behalf of the Claycots School Governing Body we wish you and all your families;

*A very Happy Holidays and a healthy and peaceful New Year!*

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**Co-Chairs of the Governing Body**