



09th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing today as yesterday was a momentous relief to us all! I know you will have enjoyed spending time with your children and homeschooling but it is good that they are now back at school and getting on with life. I hope their day went well. I'm sure you will have appreciated the teaching and support provided by our teachers. They have worked so hard and learnt many new skills but it has not been easy for them. I know they have been looking forward to the return of the children. On behalf of the Directors I would like to thank you for working with the school staff to ensure that your child's education, although very difficult, was maintained. We must all now continue to follow the current rules so our schools can remain open as our community facilities slowly come back to life.

I write also to inform you that Mr Paul Lovern has decided to take early retirement at the end of this academic year. He has led us through so much over the last twenty years. We are now very securely placed as a well regarded academy of four schools due to his total dedication to his job. There will be opportunities to express our appreciation to him over the next few months.

The Board of Directors have already started the process of finding his successor. They want to assure you that we are looking for a person who will continue to support our values and aims, and develop our Academy Trust further. It is very important we recruit the right person to build upon Paul's legacy.

Thank you for your support through what has been a truly momentous and difficult year. Hopefully some semblance of normality may be emerging.

Best wishes

Heather Bowman
Chair of the Board of Directors