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Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Susan Dungworth Chair of SVF Full Governing Body

We have just finished our second day as 'virtual schools' and I wanted to take the time to thank you and your children for your calm and supportive response to the situation.

It is a very stressful and uncertain time for us all, but I am immensely proud of the way our staff across all the schools the Federation have risen to the challenge and continue to care for and support our children, despite their own lives being turned upside down as well. We must remember that it is not just the teachers who are keeping the show on the road, but all the school support staff as well. Please access the website regularly for important updates www.svf.org.uk

I am getting reports of excellent behaviour both in school and in the community and I am heartened by the support that I have seen from parents and careers towards our staff. We are also getting practical help from the community, including Seaton Valley Council and governors.

If you are a key worker, please continue to send your children to school, where we will care for them, and if your children are at home, please encourage them to access the on-line learning their teachers have designed for them.

Your children will be picking up on your anxieties, as well as having their own. They will be missing their routines, friends and teachers, so do not be too hard on them if they do not want to do their school work sometimes. Just be there for them, listen to them and talk to them. There will be time when all this is over to sort things out and the most important thing is that all of us and our families are safe. The entire world I'd facing this upheaval and we will get through it if we work together and are kind to each other.

I am very lucky to be Chair of the Federation and to be able to play a role in all three schools and I would like to thank everyone, staff, pupils and parents and carers for all your support.

Best wishes

Susan Dungworth