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Dear parents and carers

Well, what a year it has been!

I would normally have had the opportunity to meet many of you and your children over the course of the year at induction events, parents' evenings, school performances and leavers' assemblies, but unfortunately the coronavirus has put paid to that.

However, I wanted to make contact with you at the end of the academic year and reassure you that as governors we have been kept well informed by the school leaders of the all the work that they and your children have done since lockdown was imposed and we are confident that we can welcome your children back safely in September.

On behalf of the Governors, I want to pay tribute to all the staff at our three schools for the dedication and resourcefulness that they have demonstrated in ensuring that our students have been educated and cared for, whether in school or at home, and to keep you informed. Providing up to date information has been particularly challenging, as the situation and guidance has been rapidly changing, but I am sure you will agree that they have done an amazing job.

I also want to thank you and your children. The last four months have been frightening for all of us, with all the usual certainties swept away and in circumstances like this it is easy to look for people to blame, but this has not happened in our Federation. You have trusted our school staff and done what they have asked, accepting that they did not always have all the answers you wanted. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Finally, our students, your children have been outstanding. Dealing with those same uncertainties and worries as we all are, they have just got on with their learning in a different way and have behaved responsibly and respectfully in the community. They are a credit to you and to Seaton Valley Federation.

Please make sure your children have a proper break this summer and treat the summer holidays as they would normally, so that they come back refreshed and ready to learn in September.

I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to their schools next term.

Kind regards

Susan Dungworth
SVF Chair of Governors