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Dear all.

Well we have made it to the end of the term although like everyone I feel it has been a hard struggle at times! However, we are here and we only have Friday to go. Can I thank everyone for all of their efforts and support in the last few weeks. It has been a real struggle and I know that many of you have had their normal lives disrupted by the fact we have had to ask pupils to self-isolate. Just so everyone is aware we can still call you on Monday to let you know your child has been a close contact to a positive case and that they need to self-isolate. After Monday, that role will be taken on by Public Health England.

Over the holiday period, the young people are still expected to test twice a week and the plan from the government is that on our return in September regular testing will continue at home until the end of September.

I know many of you will have questions about what is happening at the start of term in September. We have planned for the start of term but we are still waiting for more details from the DFE and also we are aware that things may/can change. Therefore, on the 20th August each head of school will send a letter home to you with all the details of what is happening at the start of term and details about the testing plans for the start of term. The government expects all children in years 7 to 13 to have 2 tests in school at the start of term. This is of course voluntary. As I say, more details will be shared with you on the 20th August 2021. I therefore ask that you check one of the following: your emails, MCAS messages, social media and the federation website to see the letters.

I would hope by now that everyone is aware of just how thankful I am to you as a parent body for your support in this most difficult year. We have managed to get through this year and ensure that the most important people, the students, were able to access education, be supported both in lockdown and on return to school and we have kept going! At times, it has been very hard but we have made it!

Whilst your support and the young people's support has been vital I must once again pay special praise to my staff body who have done so much over the course of the year to ensure that the 3 schools have done as well as they have. The effort, care and attention that all of the staff have put in has been amazing and I am thankful for all they have done and I am sure you are too. I would also like to thank the leadership team of the Federation. They have tried very hard to make sure that things work and that we have been able to do what we have done. It is fair to say that the skills, knowledge and abilities of the leadership team have been fully tested this year and I truly believe they have done a most fantastic job. So thank you to all of the staff of the federation.

I would normally at this time reflect on what has gone on over the course of the year. I hope you will excuse me if I don't do that this year. Let us just say in the immortal words of Vinnie Jones "it's been emotional". I hope like everyone that next year we can begin the long process back to some form of normality and that we are all able to start doing things in school that we want to do and not what we have to do because of Covid.



At this time of year, there are always staff who make the choice to leave our federation because they are moving onto new opportunities or they are retiring. This year we say goodbye to the following staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have done and wish them all the very best for the future.

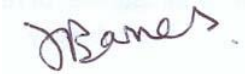
Jenny Allen – Lunchtime Supervisor, ACHS/WMS
 Helen Howourth – Admin Assistant, ACHS/WMS
 Lesley Lines – Admin Assistant, SSMS
 Dave Fenwick – Caretaker, ACHS/WMS
 Robert Ventram – Maths Teacher (long term supply) ACHS
 Linda Child – Cover Supervisor/Student Support SSMS
 Karen Wright – English Teacher (long term supply) ACHS
 Becky Porter – Maths Teacher SSMS
 Gabby Long – Assistant Headteacher/Maths Teacher SSMS
 Debbie Ruler – Catering Manager SSMS
 Carol Scott – Cover Supervisor, ACHS/WMS

With staff leaving we also have staff joining us and in September we will be joined by the following staff. I would like to welcome them to our federation and wish them all the very best. I am sure they will help our continued progress forward in all that we do.

Mr Josh Dawson-Hull ICT Assistant (SVF) (Kickstart Scheme)	Mrs Kathryn Freebairn Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (ACHS/WMS)
Miss Amy Burns Teacher of Maths (ACHS)	Mr Anthony Wright Casual Catering Assistant (SVF)
Mr John Hamilton Teacher of English (ACHS/WMS)	Mrs Sarah Swift Casual Catering Assistant (SVF)
Mrs Danielle Liddle ARP Lead Teacher and SENDCo	Georgie Newton Teaching and Learning Assistant (ACHS)
Mr Graham Porter Head of Maths (SSMS)	Grace Stephenson Teaching and Learning Assistant (ACHS)
Miss Emily Farrington KS2 Teacher (WMS)	Fiona Connor H&SC Teacher (supply) (ACHS)
Mrs Rebecca Blacklock Learning Support Assistant (WMS)	Rachael Scott Behaviour Support Worker (ACHS)
Miss Chloe Snowden Apprentice LSA (WMS)	Mrs Grace Stephenson Learning Support Assistant (ACHS)
Mrs Jill Bittle School Counsellor (ACHS)	
Ms Leigh Culyer School Counsellor (WMS/SSMS)	
Mrs Georgie Newton Learning Support Assistant (ACHS)	

All that is left for me to do is wish you all a happy and pleasant summer holiday. Thank you for all you have done this year. Please be safe and take care and I look forward to meeting you all again soon in person. To those who are leaving the federation this year because your child is leaving us my very best wishes to you and your children. To those of you joining us in September welcome and I hope you and your children have a fantastic time in the Seaton Valley Federation.

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher