

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of term in this extraordinary year we'd like to share our appreciation of the difficulties faced by all of you during the partial closure of all schools. We are very aware of the extraordinary efforts that our families have been making with supporting your children with home learning whilst managing all of your own workloads. Indeed, we have parent Governors on committees who have also shared their personal experiences of supporting pupils who are not in school. We have been keeping abreast of the many documents that have been released to schools in order to offer our critique and support as Governors.

As a result of social distancing rules we have held our regular strategic meetings virtually, and each of the meetings we have held have been to discuss Cranmere's response to the Government's guidelines and Cranmere's planned actions. These were first for closing the school in March at very short notice, then opening for vulnerable and key worker children through March and April, including the Easter holidays, then opening for Reception, Yr6 and Yr1 in June and July, while all the time providing home learning for all children.

As many parents have already shared, it has been a mammoth logistical task for the Cranmere staff team. They have had to make their own plans and risk assessments, given their own staffing and premises circumstances. The whole team have dedicated many hours of extra work and tried every way to provide the best possible learning experience for all our children, responding to suggestions for improvements from parents when they could. We also recognise how challenging it has been for parents and carers in coping with learning at home.

Staff are now preparing for the full return of all children to school in September, when we expect some social distancing rules still to be in place, so it will not be possible to go back to complete normality.

We governors want to thank parents and carers for their forbearance and support in continuing learning at home and we would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Daniels and all her staff for their tremendous hard work and impressive response in rising to a huge challenge.

Kind regards



Linda Burkitt (chair); Richard Hayler (vice chair); Cllr Steve Bax; Isla Billett; Anna Henderson; Colleen Knowles-Baker; Angharad Lonnon; Hannah Moir; Cllr Stuart Selleck; Joanna Willey