St. Clement's governors blog

# Hello,

This is my last blog for the academic year 2019/2020 & what a year it’s been! As a school community we have certainly had some extreme highs and lows this year. For me, the definite high point was the fantastic and well deserved “good" outcome of our Ofsted inspection in February.

Lockdown has given us all many challenges and I am sure you will agree that Mrs Parker and the rest of the school team have risen to those challenges and they have provided both academic and family support throughout. The governors had our final meeting for this year in June and we unfortunately had to cancel our “away day" this month due to the pandemic. However, we are all looking forward to getting back to business in September even though we will probably have to continue to meet virtually for the foreseeable future. I will be completing our end of year report over the summer and will share it with you in the new year.

Since my last post the government has released its plans to fully reopen schools from September. This might be daunting for some families and we totally understand that. The last few months have been scary and full of uncertainty. But, please be reassured that the school has widened its provision since June as advised by the government, and it has been a very positive experience for both staff and pupils. I know Mrs Parker has done a very detailed risk assessment to make the school as safe as possible. Many of the year 6 pupils have been back for the last half term and these are some quotes from them about coming back to school during lockdown & what it's been like in their bubbles...

“I am glad to be back at school because I can see my old year 5 teacher and see my friends"

“It's the first time I've actually felt happy since 2.5 months ago because I can socialise & do proper work"

I am very happy to be back because we get to see our teachers and friends one last time before we go to high school"

“We get our own desks and we have more space. We have more fun because and I like is being calmer and there is not as many distractions”.

“It has been great. Instead of staying inside we can go out and have a run around. My sleeping pattern has got better and I am actually getting my work done and getting to see my friends".

“It's been amazing because it has helped with my stress and anxiety. I love to be able to come to school and still talk to my friends but still stay apart 2m. I understand and can focus on the work more and focus on my grades for high school".

“It is really good as we are like a little family"

On that note, I would like to finish by taking this opportunity to wish all our wonderful year 6 pupils the best of luck as they leave us and continue their school journey at high school. I know this hasn't been the end to your time at primary school that you would have anticipated, but you will always be part of the St. Clement's family and I hope you will let Mrs Parker know how you are getting on at your new schools. You have been a wonderful class and have faced the current difficulties and challenges of coronavirus very well with maturity and kindness towards each other. Good luck! Keep working hard and you will all reach your potential! We are all very proud of you!!

Thanks again to all the staff for their hard work during this challenging time and to all the parents that have been supporting their children's learning at home. I hope you all have a wonderful summer whether you are staying local, or getting away.

See you in September!

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