

Dear families

July, 2020

I'm sure we can all agree that the past four months have been extraordinary to say the least! Time has flown by since lockdown measures were introduced on the 20th March but schools have remained open to our key worker children (even through the holidays) and we thank Stoughton Infants School for making our children and staff so welcome during the early stages of lockdown.

We would like to thank you all for supporting your children with their home learning during this time. Some things will surely have been difficult to juggle but we hope that your children will have also created some nice memories during this different time. Thank you also for being patient as the school reacted to ever changing guidelines.

Throughout lockdown staff have worked hard to deliver high quality learning to our children both in school and via Google Classroom as well as undertaking a range of training courses. They adapted to remote working at very short notice and coped admirably with inevitable technical issues. During this time school set up a Facebook page which has been so well received and has proved to be a lovely and accessible way of sharing news, information and inspiration with our children and families.

The summer term saw the return of our Year 6 children. They settled easily into their bubbles and – according to the teaching staff - have been a joy. Their behaviour has been exemplary and their positive attitude towards learning, inspiring. On behalf of the governing body I wish them all the very best of luck in their onward journey into secondary school.

We also hope that the Google meets and the final meeting with their former class on the playground will also have given those children that could unfortunately not go back to school some closure to the year.

As a governing body we have continued to hold our regular meetings remotely throughout this time. We have worked closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that school has been able to operate safely and successfully for our key worker, vulnerable, Year 6 children, and staff.



Careful plans have been put in place to welcome all children back in September. Although school will look rather different, we know that our wonderful staff will do all they can to help the children settle quickly into the "new normal".

I must express my gratitude to all Northmead staff for their hard work, dedication and diligence. Thank you.

And to you, our families, I thank you all for your patience and continued support during these difficult and challenging times and I hope you will have the chance to have an enjoyable summer break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Konstanze Hild'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Konstanze Hild (Chair of Governors)

