



Brighstone C.E Aided Primary School

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Dear parents, carers and guardians,

What an extraordinary time for us and our children! Of course, no one could have predicted at the start of last year that we would be ending this school year having experienced lockdowns, social distancing, masks, isolation, bubbles, test and trace, and all the worries and fears that this Covid experience has given us.

What stands out from all of that is how we have pulled together as a school community. Mrs Lennon and all the members of staff have provided meaningful education in many different ways, through home learning as well as in-school lessons. They have adapted to the circumstances with flexibility and creativity to ensure our children were able to continue accessing their learning whatever else was going on. They have kept the school clean and provided an environment to which we could send our children with confidence that everything was being done to keep them safe.

You, our parents, carers and guardians, played your part by supporting your children at home to do their work and maintain momentum in their learning, following the distancing guidance to keep everyone safe, and encouraging your children to come to school with a focus on learning and having fun, rather than worry about what was happening in their world.

Most importantly, the children have shown resilience through their school journey during this time. They have continued to work hard, take part in activities, and arrive at school with a smile on their faces. They have shown courage throughout this situation, and respect for themselves and each other. For those who have had difficulties, for whom this exceptional time has taken a toll, I hope they have been able to receive support and can continue to do so.

Our school community is important to all of us, and that means looking out for each other, supporting each other through these tough times, and keeping each other safe mentally, emotionally and physically.

On behalf of the governors at Brighstone, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for believing in the school and supporting us. Thank you for helping to maintain a sense of normality for our children, so important to their mental wellbeing and, therefore, to their learning. Thank you for being part of this community.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer and hope for a positive start to the new school year.

Mrs Janet Craig
Chair of Governors