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Tuesday 23 March 2021

Dear parent/carers,



As we enter the last week of this spring term it seems a good time to take stock.

One year and five days ago I wrote to you to advise that the school would close on the 18th March 2020 as the first national lockdown was just about to begin.

It is a little over a week now since school restarted fully following the third closure in a year. I don't think any of us can overstate how just how challenging these twelve months have been. Nor the reserves of optimism, patience and tenacity that have been needed to manage them.

All of our lives have been affected by the pandemic. And yet despite this common ground each family's experience is unique.

There have been positives among the sadness and difficulty too. Perhaps, greater respect and empathy for those hardest affected and for those who have done so much to help others; a deeper gratitude for the people and relationships that matter to us most; smiles and admiration at the countless acts of resilience and ingenuity that a crisis always sparks into being.

As we move forwards, hopefully with better months ahead, we should make sure to appreciate and nurture whoever and whatever has helped us this far.

With children back in school and a summer term to look forward to we will certainly be valuing the relationships we have with the children here and with you as parents/carers. I hope that this is something we can continue to strengthen in the months and years ahead.

As always, we are keen to receive your thoughts and views about how George Street works. If you have ideas or reflections that you would like to feed back then please contact me using the email or phone number at the top of this letter.

YEARS 1 & 2 MORNING DROP-OFF

From tomorrow morning, parents/carers of children in Years 1&2 will be able to wait on the playground in readiness for the start of school. The double gates will be opened at 8.45 to provide a safe space for waiting and to enable parents/carers to socially distance. Please wear a face covering.

Kind regards,

Mr A Brasington

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