



OAK MEADOW FEDERATION GOVERNING BODY
BRAMPTON ABBOTTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Brampton Road, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 7FX

20th July 2020

Dear Parents,

These have been some strange months. Life has been turned upside down for our families and for our school. How we all long for the normality we once knew.

I would like to pay special tribute to the hard work of our staff in all that they have done to create opportunities for the children to continue with their education. Their resourcefulness and inventiveness in providing new and different learning challenges has been amazing. Thank you also to all parents and carers who have played their part during this period of lockdown. For parents and for teachers this has been a period in our lives for which we were totally unprepared, and it has been a learning experience for everyone, children and adults. The governing body would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone.

I trust that you have had chance to see "Zoom School the Musical". What a brilliant production! It is a perfect example of all that is good about Brampton Abbots School. The governors would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers well as they move on to high school, they have been a credit to our school, and they have the potential to achieve great things. Thank you also to Year 6 parents and carers for all the support that you have given to the school over a number of years.

Over the last few months, the headteacher, staff and governors have received numerous 'instructions' from the Government regarding the way in which school can function. Regulations and then new regulations, first leaked to the media, have been followed by pages and pages of instructions for the headteacher and staff to act upon. They have done well, and the school has done as told. But now, on behalf of the governing body, I am instructed to advise you that I am requesting that the following variation be made to the school's admissions over-subscription criteria for September 2021 admissions: " In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship". You will note that this variation only concerns parents with children hoping to join the school's reception class in September 2021, it only applies if the school is oversubscribed and the preference afforded to siblings of children at the school remains unchanged. If you have any queries regarding this statement, then please speak with Mr Brearey.

Finally, I wish you a happy summer break. I guess that many things will still be different, but I hope that you and your families will stay safe and well.

With sincere best wishes,

On behalf of all the governors,

Paul Mason
Chair of Governors, Brampton Abbots Primary School
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