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My thanks to all those that have supported the school and its pupils over the last year – and what a year it has been! I take this opportunity to particularly thank:

1. The staff team
2. Parents
3. Members of the local community, including our parish church and our local, district and county counsellors.

The pandemic caused many challenges including the partial closure of schools. Our staff and children rose to these through, for example:

1. Introducing our first ever 'virtual school' with a full-time table, support for children with SEND etc.
2. Using Teams to deliver and attend live and recorded lessons.
3. Using 'Purple Mash' to set, complete and mark work done at home.

Children have also been well supported since school has been able to operate 'normally'. For example:

1. Our children are taught in classes of less than thirty.
2. We have bought in additional support speech and language therapist support for some children.
1. Our children in Years 5 and 6 have been taught in very small groups for English and mathematics.

The outcome of our virtual school provision and the work we have done with children and their parents, since all children have been able to return to school, has resulted in children progressing well and having good mental health and well-being.

Our pupils continue to benefit from our broad and balanced curriculum. This curriculum gives children the opportunity to develop academically, creatively, socially, emotionally and spiritually. In so doing children benefit from visitors coming in to school and them going on trips outside of school.

We have had one inspection in the last twelve months. This inspection was by Ofsted and occurred towards the end of November. Ofsted's report makes clear the very significant improvements undertaken since September 2020. The areas that we told the inspectors we had identified as our next ones for improvement were the same ones that they identified. We have already undertaken some improvement work in regard to these areas.



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Local Governance is now provided through a Local School Board. It is our intention to set up a Local Community Board. (LCB) This will enable the school and our local community to share useful information and it will enable our local community to make suggestions to us and our Local School Board. We had hoped to set up our LCB before now but the impact of the pandemic has not enabled that to take place. It is now our expectation that our LCB will launch in Autumn 2022. If you wish to find out further information about this new initiative, our Local Community Board, and possibly becoming a member of it, then please speak to me or contact the school office.

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(Headteacher)