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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you all, as Chair of Governors, to explain the role that the Governing Board have played in supporting the school through what is an extremely challenging time for us all.

Before the school was in a position to open to more pupils the Head Teacher along with the support of the staff, undertook a rigorous risk assessment, the safety protocols being based on published government guidance. Another document required of the school, Returning to School Protocol and Procedures, was also written. The risk assessment and new handbook for parents of children who are attending school is on the website.

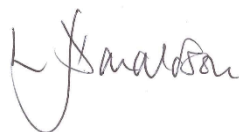
The Governing Board's responsibility in this process was to review these plans, which we did, via a virtual meeting. We reassured ourselves that:

- The risk assessment was robust and based on current government guidance.
- The school had worked closely with staff and unions to agree the best approaches for the school's circumstances.
- The school coordinated with the Local Authority to determine what services it required and agreed on what arrangements need to be made during this period.
- Agency workers, contractors and others were taken into account along with regular employees.
- The school continued to observe its obligations under Health and Safety Law.
- Flexible working practices were put in place to support good work-life balance.

This scrutiny reassured the Governing Board that every consideration had been taken to make sure the school was safe.

Mrs Good and the staff have the full confidence of the Board. We know that the welfare and safety of the children and the staff are paramount in every decision that is taken and I would urge you to allow your children to return to school if they have been given the opportunity to do so.

With Regards



Lynda Donaldson  
Chair of Governors

