



Ashford Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all managed a good Christmas despite the challenging times we find ourselves in. Although the new year has brought us hope with a vaccine now being rolled out in the fight against COVID-19, we find ourselves in familiar territory in the first week of the spring term in a national lockdown and our school closed.

Firstly, on behalf of the Governing body I would like to thank you for your support and understanding over the past week whilst the senior leadership team put plans in place for the new way of teaching your children. I want to pay tribute to the whole staff community at ACE who have been working tirelessly over the Christmas period to ensure they are ready to teach your children remotely, and to have got this up and running so quickly.

The staff have risen to the task of teaching in extremely challenging times to ensure the children of ACE get the best possible education during a global pandemic. The governing body is doing all it can to support Mr. Meehan, the leadership team and the staff community; we are keeping the health and safety of the children and staff at the forefront of our minds at all times, as well as supporting all our ACE families as best we can at this time.

With a few uncertain weeks ahead, I want to thank you for supporting your child(ren) with their home learning. As a parent myself, I know how difficult this can be and the pressures it puts on you as a family. I know the staff will be working to fine tune our provision over the coming weeks, but please do contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The ACE community has always pulled together in tough times. Please continue to keep yourself, your family and friends safe and hopefully we will see an end to this pandemic in the not too distant future.

I will leave you with a quote from one of my favourite books, *The boy, the fox, the horse and the mole* "Everyone is a bit scared" said the horse, "but we are less scared together".

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Chair of the Governing Body



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