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Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school after another lockdown. They have settled in well and are enjoying time with their friends again. We thank you so much for all the support you have given both your children and the teachers with remote learning. We know it has been really difficult, but Mrs Campbell and Mrs Laud have been very creative in providing engaging work for the children and offering them and you with any support needed. Because of Covid restrictions the governors, who were appointed last September, have still not been able to visit during the school day and have yet to meet you and the children. We do see examples of the work they have been doing and Mrs Ray regularly updates us so we see how engaged they are with their learning.

The technology we have all had to use has given us new skills so we never stop learning! The children were familiar with Tapestry and Showbie before lockdown which made it so much easier for them and they have enjoyed the Zoom sessions which has been so good for their social interaction. The teachers too have developed new ways of working which they are now bringing into the classroom which will help with continuity.

In our Christmas newsletter, we mentioned the new school Vision which you helped provide ideas for. This is now embedded in school and is central to the ethos of Weaverthorpe School as we continue our journey. As you know, Her Majesty's Inspectors visited school, 'remotely' last week and we were able to show them real progress, how well the children have worked at home and what they are now doing in school. They could see that the children were enjoying their learning and developing new skills, even during lockdown. Thank you for all your positive feedback on Parentview which endorses the work which Mrs Ray and her team are doing. We won't get their report until after Easter, but Mrs Ray will share it with you when it arrives.

After Easter, the focus of the whole team will be to further develop the curriculum, broadening the children's experiences. Any areas where children need more help have already been identified and plans put in place to ensure they make good progress and catch up on things they may have missed because they haven't been in school.

We can all feel a little more optimistic as we move into the summer term and hope that you will be able to come into school and enjoy seeing what your children are doing before the end of the school year.

We wish you a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes.

Weaverthorpe Governors