

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear All,

We are all experiencing unprecedented times, where discipline, sacrifice and endurance is a daily challenge. Not being able to see our immediate and extended families for several weeks, has been a particular challenge for many of us, but through this adversity, kindness, creativity and ingenuity has blossomed.

On behalf of the Governors at Netherbrook School, we would like to thank the whole team at school for their loyalty, generosity of spirit, hard work and continuing good humour. These qualities will see us through this difficult time.

The next thank you is for pupils and parents/carers. We appreciate the heavy burden this pandemic has placed on parents' shoulders. Not only child care, but trying to be parent and teacher, not an easy combination. Pupils have also played their part. To be young with boundless energy and not able to expend it, is a trial in itself, but having to do hours of school work at home requires self-discipline and a lot of patience (mainly from parents!). So a big thank you to parents/carers and pupils for your continuing efforts.

This period in our lifetime will eventually be in the history books. We will come through this, hopefully stronger, more resilient and more aware of each other's needs.

Stay safe, look after each other and let's hope Netherbrook will be able to be open for all pupils in the not too distant future.

Very best wishes

On behalf of myself and the Governors of Netherbrook School.

Nigel Smith (Chair of Governors)