



23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been another challenging year with COVID I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive of our school and staff through these difficult times. Our children have shown a level of resilience and confidence which is a credit to them all; we are very proud of all they have accomplished despite the challenges they have faced.

This is certainly not how any of us imagined this year ending, however I feel that as a Catholic school community we continue to be strong and supportive of one another. I know that things will look different in September but as to what that will look like I cannot tell you yet; I expect that the government guidance will be issued at the very end of the summer holidays, in the first week of September. I therefore anticipate being able to write to you all on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at the earliest, with an update of school COVID procedures for the new academic year, a letter will be uploaded to the school website and a text sent to all parents.

As we wish the staff and pupils who are leaving us a fond goodbye, we welcome new arrivals with a smile and open arms. Our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated how much they have grown up in the mature and sensible way they have approached their final week in school. I am sure that they will all go on to make a great success of their time in senior school. We wish them all well and pray that they will reach their full potential by being happy in all that they accomplish, we also hope that they never forget the firm foundations of St John Vianney from where they started. Our new Nursery and Reception children and their families are anticipating their start to school with nervous excitement and we look forward to meeting them all and welcoming them into our school family.

The staff and I have appreciated all your support and good wishes this week, all the kind presents and most especially the thoughtful cards and messages of gratitude. Thank you all for your generosity, but most especially for your positive messages and prayers.

Once again, I wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays full of rest, recuperation and laughter. Time spent with families and loved ones is as important as school work at this time of year, so take these summer weeks to reconnect and build back connections following months of isolation.

As always staff, Governors and I continue to keep you and all of your families in our thoughts and prayers, especially over the summer holidays. School staff, governors and I will all look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, fully refreshed!

Best wishes,

A D Thorpe

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Head teacher

