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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, may I take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your continued support of our amazing school during the pandemic. We appreciate the measures you have implemented to ensure the safety of your own family and, consequently, all our school community. Most of our community has not needed to isolate compared to other areas of the borough.

The Governing Body was impressed with the way school staff embraced the need for digital learning in January during the lockdown. The remote offer was excellent. Staff were proactive in ensuring the offer would best meet the needs of our children. The high levels of pupil engagement and the positive feedback from yourselves, is testimony to the quality of the work provided. As a governing body, we have received feedback from the pupils who were extremely complimentary about the support from their teachers during lockdown. Knowing our fabulous staff, as governors, we would have expected nothing less.

School leaders have continued to drive the improvement agenda despite the challenges of the pandemic. The focus on reading remains a high priority as school leaders appreciate the importance of literacy in unlocking doors for our children in the future. There is also a drive on mental health and well-being. Mottram Primary was one of the first schools in Tameside to launch the Worry Wizard, which has been rolled out across the borough.

On Friday I was an immensely proud Chair of Governors as I watched some of our year 6 children read their prayers as part of the Chester Diocese Leavers assembly. The prayers were thoughtful and impressive. The children were a credit to their families, the school and themselves.

I hope you are able to enjoy quality family time during the summer holidays and we look forward to working with you during the new academic year.

Kind regards,

**Kate Sanderson** Chair of Governors





