



Headteacher: Miss N Sirett

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Thank you

I wanted to thank you all for your support this year, and in particular since the end of March when all schools were closed at short notice. It has been such a strange and challenging time for us all. I am very proud of the way the whole school community, staff and parents, has come together during lock down to support the children. I am aware of the burden that was placed on parents when told, 'It's over to you now; you're the teacher!' We'd love some feedback from you on how we did through lockdown, if you can spare a few minutes to complete our [survey](#).

But through all this time of turmoil, we have emerged stronger as a community. Staff teaching the 'bubbles' have enjoyed positive conversations at the school gate at the start and end of the day. Parents and teachers have developed a new respect for each other and a sense of partnership. This was evident in the way year 6 parents came together to create a party atmosphere as the year 6 'bubbles' completed their last day at Alton Park. Having spoilt the children in school with games and pizza (!), the crowd cheering them on at the school gate helped to make their last day at primary school really memorable.

And now, as we look ahead to September, the strength of partnership is still clear in the very positive phone conversations between parents and teachers this week. Although face to face meetings will still need to be minimised next term, I hope we can continue to work together in a similarly positive way. As a school we will work hard to maintain open communication and I hope you will feel able to chat to staff at the school gate or contact the school with any questions or concerns.

In the meantime, well done and thank you for all your hard work in engaging children in their home-learning. If you can keep reading to and with your child over the holiday, that would be great. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

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