

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents and carers

As we reach the end of the longest term in the toughest year, I wanted to thank you for the wonderful support you have given to your schools during this year.

Schools in the Brigshaw Learning Partnership have always benefited from the support of our communities, but during this year that support has been even more precious to us than usual. Your children have been a credit to you and their communities as they worked with their schools to return to learning. Our classrooms have been a joy and our staff have been bolstered by the love and laughter filling our classrooms.

Thank you so much for supporting every measure your schools have taken as we learn to live with the challenges of Covid and find ways to help our children learn and grow. Thank you for bearing with us when we have had to send children home to self-isolate. Thank you for the lovely messages of support you have made the time to write and send to your schools. Thank you for working so closely with our schools to do the best we can in these uncertain times. It is always a privilege to serve such fantastic communities but we feel even more fortunate than ever in these difficult times.

There is so much to celebrate in all of our schools this term. Children have made great strides in their learning despite the challenges, have taken part in as wide a range of activities as the creativity of our schools could deliver and have achieved a great deal. We are so proud of all BLP staff who have gone above and beyond in getting schools fully up and running and keeping them safe places to learn. And there is even more to look forward to ahead. The Brigshaw Learning Partnership is committed to ensuring our children have chances to be involved in as wide a range of experiences as possible, including global issues and access to the Arts. With creative, innovative staff, enthusiastic children, such supportive families and governors who are passionate about their schools, we can certainly make 2021 memorable for all the right reasons!

Wishing you and yours peace, health and happiness over the festive season and every best wish for 2021.

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