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END OF YEAR MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, BOB WILSON

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to an end of one of the strangest years in the history of the Lemington Riverside Primary School and indeed of probably every other school in the country. We have come to terms with lockdowns, self-isolation, vaccines and the wearing of facemasks. Children have experienced home learning and working in bubbles. In this new world, the staff, children, parents and carers have coped remarkably well and performed wonders in dealing with unprecedented circumstances. A massive thank you for this goes out to you all from the Governors of the School.

Thankfully, we now seem to be moving towards some form of normality and hopefully by the autumn term Lemington Riverside will be looking and feeling like it did pre-pandemic –although getting fully back to normal may well take some time. Meanwhile, I know that Mr Heeley and all of the staff will be working tirelessly to ensure that all children catch up on the learning that they have missed and to prepare them for the year ahead. For September, staff are already planning the new curriculum and developing catch up strategies and will ensure that everything is done and put in place to make up for lost time. For the Year 6 children there is the excitement and in some cases anxiety of moving to a new school. A lot of planning and work is being done to make this transfer as smooth and easy as possible. I hope that the children will settle quickly into their new environment and enjoy all of the opportunities that will come their way.

Despite the continued restrictions, there are now some lovely events taking place outside of school with visits to Washington Wetlands and Blyth Beach being planned among a range of other activities. I hope that the weather stays fine and that fun is had by all.

Thankfully we are just about to wave goodbye to what has, for most people, been a very difficult school year. Lemington has come through this well. The staff have developed many new skills, the children have found new ways of learning and the parents and carers new ways of coping. On a positive note and despite the downsides, surely we are all much stronger for the experience.

Very best wishes to you all for the summer and for the new school year ahead.

Bob Wilson

Chair of Governors



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