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Dear Parents/Carers

A message from our Joint Chairs of Governors

Over this past academic year, Governors, in all schools, have most likely been more aware of their responsibilities than at any time previously. This has certainly been the case for our Governing Board. The way that our staff has responded to everything that has been asked of them has been a tremendous comfort to all of us on the Board. We have been both impressed and reassured at the innovation and efforts that have been made to ensure that students in the care of our school have not just been well looked after, but also encouraged to maintain a positive attitude whether it is towards themselves, towards the way they have been tackling these unsettling times or towards their on-going learning. We have always had a strong tradition as a 'caring school' and that focus has clearly been evident in the past few weeks when many have gone the extra mile to ensure that individuals are 'safe', able and encouraged to continue with their school study. Everyone has shown real resilience.

The whole school community has been on a steep learning curve (Governors included!). We have been impressed at the proactive response of all our staff teams to the challenges that lockdown has presented. Innovative ways of ensuring that we can continue to motivate and support our students have been introduced on a very tight timescale and these will undoubtedly still continue to be used when we return to 'normality' in September, enhancing everyone's experience at Cox Green.

We feel that all staff have worked together to ensure that our school environment is a 'safe' and well organised place, one that offers security, continuity and friendship, key elements in underpinning the learning that will key to our young people's future. We have experienced a return to school for a few with willingness and enthusiasm, a testament to everyone as to the value that our students place upon their school. We look forward to the return for the whole school in September.

May we take this opportunity on behalf of all the Governors to thank you all warmly for enabling that to happen, hopefully not too long virtually, but as a strong vibrant physical community in the new academic year. Thank you all for your commitment and your professionalism over the past challenging months.

We hope you all have a good break this summer, keep safe with your families and friends and we very much look forward to supporting the great work at Cox Green next year!

Thank you to everyone.

Wen-Lan Richard and Peter Thorn
Joint Chairs of Governors