

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently living in a very different world than when I first took up the headship here at CtS. Life in a Special Measures School is always a challenge but none of us could have predicted COVID 19 and the massive impact that would have on all of our lives.

However, despite the virus, here at CtS we have continued to drive school improvements on our journey 'To Good and Beyond'. We were hoping that this term we would be able to hold a parents information session with members of our Trust and Interim Academy Committee to share our progress to date and our continuing plans for the future. Unfortunately, this is not currently possible but it is something that we will offer as soon as it is safe to do so and are therefore planning a provision date for the Summer term.

We would also like to create more opportunities for you to share your thoughts with us. At the end of the Summer term we carried out a parent/carer survey which was really useful for us. One of the areas that you wanted us to look into more was homework. This term we have carried out a homework survey with you, the staff and children. Following this consultation we are revisiting our homework policy which we will share with you after Christmas. We have also recently shared a presentation for consultation about the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. Your views are important to us and we will continue to share with you when appropriate.

Moving forward we would like to increase the opportunities for parents & carers to feedback and keep us up to date with the things that really matter to you. To help us achieve this we would like to start up a system of Parent Reps. This would involve each class nominating 2 parents or carers to represent their class who join a meeting with the class teacher every half term. This way we can capture your feedback and build on your contributions where necessary. We will write to you in the Spring term with more details about this.

Our PTA is now fully up and running and they are coming up with creative ways to continue working for our children and supporting the school. The Interim Academy Committee (IAC) continues to meet every month, holding school leaders to account for the education of your children and offering support where necessary. Going forward into the academic year 2021-2022 we would like to move to a Local Governing Body so we can include parent governors as part of our strategic committee.

Thank you all for your continued support and helping CtS to be continually moving 'To Good and Beyond'.

Yours sincerely,

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