



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We are incredibly happy to be able to open Thornhill safely to all children again.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have all experienced some difficult times, and this situation may continue throughout the year. Needless to say, many of our families face additional challenges, and all our children are impacted by this pandemic.

We, the Governing Body, would like to thank our parent and carer community for your ongoing support and trust as we work together with the Headteacher and staff at Thornhill to offer the best education possible for our children. During difficult times like these, the strength of our community shines through, and the support that we offer each other can make important and positive contributions to people's lives.

The Thornhill staff have worked tirelessly to continue to offer our children education, using methods new to them, and which do not form part of their usual duties. We cannot thank them enough for all that they do for our children and their families. The Governing Body would like to express its sincere thanks to everyone who works at Thornhill. We value you immensely!

The last few months have been so strange that it's almost impossible to recall a time before lockdown and what 'normal' school life was like. As Governors, we know that a broad and balanced curriculum is essential for our children's learning. We have seen some excellent examples of children's education during lockdown. Our school Instagram, newsletter and website displayed some of the incredible work that our children completed during their time at home and in school.

Since March, we have been working closely with Miss Lewis and the Leadership Team to ensure safe schooling for both the children who attended during the lockdown period and those who returned to school in the summer term. Our strategy and risk assessments follow Government guidance with approval by the Local Authority and the Governing Body, both of which take into account the specific circumstances at Thornhill.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Miss Lewis and the Leadership Team for their dedication and efforts to work within extremely tight deadlines and sacrificing a significant amount of their holiday to focus on the required documentation and preparing the school for reopening.

We have so many reasons to celebrate our fantastic school, its staff and its community. Let's continue to work together to make this a successful year for all our children.

On behalf of the Thornhill Governing Body

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