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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Response: Staff Going Above and Beyond

As we enter the last few weeks of what has been a most unusual year at Greenmount and we look forward to seeing the school reports on our children's journeys, it seems an appropriate moment to share with all of you the governing body's reflections on how the school staff have risen to the challenges presented by the exceptional circumstances in which we've all found ourselves.

Over the last months the team at Greenmount have worked extremely hard to support the families of their fellow key workers, reacting rapidly but with exceptional attention to detail to ensure that these children continue to be educated in a safe and effective learning environment.

The safeguarding of all children both in and out of school has been another success story, and has been rightly praised by the Local Authority, and the technical achievements in delivering a virtual learning experience from a standing start has been equally impressive.

In recent weeks it has been good to see more of the school's pupils return to classes, while teaching staff continue to support the virtual learning of those children for whom space constraints dictate that they can't yet attend in person.

The pressures on the staff supporting our children continue to highlight their dedication, with many staff members working seven days a week and sacrificing more time with their own families than ever. The positivity with which they embrace the opportunity to use this situation as an opportunity to grow in strength and togetherness is absolutely key to the motivation to share how proud the governing body is of the nurturing team at Greenmount.

I'm sure you'll join me in recognising the additional strictures that coronavirus has placed upon us all, and in thanking the staff at Greenmount for meeting the high expectations that we all have of them, as they continue to deliver a high quality learning experience for all our children in the face of the increased workload associated with the "new normal".

Kind regards,

Steve Vaughan

Chair of the Governing Body