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Dear Families,

Just a few weeks ago I expected to write a letter to you celebrating the end of a normal school term and highlighting some of the many activities which make up the normal running of the school.

Unfortunately, these are not normal times as the arrival of Covid-19 has had a major impact on all our lives and has provided massive challenges to all the staff at BFS, to families and inevitably to the children.

I have access to Parent App and so, even though I am self-isolating, I have been able to see the work which the teachers have been setting each day and to keep in touch with such matters as the various new arrivals (including Redmond and Olive), social news (including a significant birthday!) and the many pictures of learning activities at home. This has added to the understanding of the day to day activities of the school that I have built up during many formal and informal visits over the years.

Among the key competencies that BFS aims to develop in our children is to be independent and resilient. The current crisis underlines why these skills are important in all our lives but I wish these were not being so severely tested.

I know that you are all having to juggle many competing priorities and at the same time support the children in their home learning and I appreciate how hard this must be.

I trust that before too long the overall situation will improve and we will be able to fully reopen the school and continue with the education of the children as before and I should like to thank you for all your exceptional support to the children during the enforced shut down.

I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking Mrs Moss and all her team for keeping the school open as long as possible, for providing support for the children of those key workers who have no other support and for organising their remote education.

My best wishes to you all.

Hugh Evans

Chair of Governors



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