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Dear Parents,

I am a parent governor and lead governor for safeguarding for the school.

These are strange and unprecedented times for our school community with many adaptations and changes within Pope Paul School during the pandemic.

On behalf of the governors, I want to firstly thank you for being so supportive of the school by complying with the advice and guidance supplied by the Headteacher. This is particularly relevant to the management of class bubbles and requirements to remain away from school if Covid 19 is suspected and by strictly adhering to the one-way system around the school during drop off.

I have found it strange and difficult not to be fully connected to the school as I would during “normal times” and not being able to enter the school, engage with the teachers and attend assemblies.

I therefore wanted to share a recent visit to the school in my role as the safeguarding governor, with all appropriate control measures such as wearing face mask, hand washing and social distancing, to review the Covid 19 control measures within the school and playgrounds. I can provide reassurance that the control measures including one-way systems, floor markings, non-bubble staff wearing face masks, improved cleaning and regular handwashing are all being utilised.

What I found really reassuring is that the focus on excellent teaching continues; the staff are determined to ensure that the delivery of rich education and development continues. I saw this first hand and while there are changes, the children have been very adaptable and their daily routine and learning remain nearly the same as usual. I was delighted to watch the children during breaktime, from a window, enjoying their “bubble” break with fun, laughter and lots of noise evident.

Please be assured that your children remain well cared for in the school and while not visible to you, it remains a fun and colourful place to learn.

All other school governors’ visits have been suspended but we are working very closely with the senior leadership team for oversight and support in a more virtual way.

Best wishes

Steve O’Keeffe
Parent Governor
Safeguarding lead governor.