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Clare Allen
Chair of Governors
Stathern Primary School
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Dear Children, Parents and all Friends of Stathern School,

As we approach Friday, 10th July 2020, the end of the summer term, I felt that I had to write to say, 'Wow! Was that just the craziest academic year EVER, or what?'

Whilst the governors and I feel such a sense of sadness that we cannot all be together to celebrate the end of term in the usual way, in church applauding our children's many fantastic achievements, we also appreciate that we have so much to be thankful for.

Therefore, this is not a letter of regret but a letter of thanks.

Thank you to all of the staff for your dedication, for working so hard to keep our children learning during lock-down. This ranged from preparing lessons to post online, to attending to meticulous risk-assessment when some of our children did return to school. All of this was completed whilst worrying about, and managing, your own personal circumstances. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents for your care and continuing support of the school over this worrying time. You have engaged with home learning and responded to written communication so that we have been able to manage the safeguarding of all members of the school community, be that from near or far, as we journeyed through this difficult time. Thank you.

Thank you to those children who returned to school when the restrictions were relaxed. For many of you, you were the very first members of your families to return to the outside world and a new normal. Thank you also to those of you who chose to, or who had to, stay at home for continuing to learn and keeping each other safe. Thank you.

Thank you to our fantastic Year 6 children; Olivia, Charlotte, Macie, Katie, Matilda, Lilly, Megan, Isabelle, Arthur, James, Joseph, William and Jas. Thank you for your vibrancy and for making our school buzz with brilliance. We wish you the very best of luck at your next school and hope that you will always carry many happy memories of Stathern Primary School with you. Thank you.

And finally, thank you Mr Matthew Lee. Thank you for making a difference to our school and leading it into 2020 and through these difficult months. Through a commitment to character development you have ensured that academic standards remained excellent but placed

equal importance on our children becoming equipped with personal and social skills so that they will be better able to cope with life in a modern world. Yet, you also led the team to go further than that! Due to this commitment, our children will now go on to actively contribute to society; to make a positive difference to the world and others around them. Thank you. We hope that we have made a difference to you also, so that you can continue your professional journey with 'Nurture, Inspire, Discover, Create' at the core of your work.

All that is left for me to say is that the governors and I very much look forward to seeing you all after the summer. We will be working hard over the coming weeks to ensure that the return-to-school plan is firmly in place so that we can reunite our fantastic school community with unreserved confidence.

We wish you a happy and fun-filled summer.

Very best wishes

Clare

Clare Allen on behalf of the governance team at Stathern Primary School.

