

Subject: A message from The Unity Trust Board

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## Great Barford C of E Primary Academy

To all parents and carers

On behalf of the Trust Board, I want to thank you all, as parents and carers, for your support during this unprecedented time in all our lives. This has followed a number of years during which the school has seen so many changes, from the uncertain times regarding the future of the lower school and middle school, through building works, conversion to a church primary school, Ofsted and now this current situation. We appreciate your loyalty and your patience especially during a time when the situation regarding Covid19 has been constantly evolving. The challenge of developing situations and a flurry of new guidance has been met with great fortitude and diligence from Mrs Evans and Mrs Collins. We are extremely grateful for their professionalism and their care for the welfare of pupils and continuing academic progress of each child. We also appreciate the dedication and resilience of all staff during a time when they also will be experiencing their own family and personal worries.

Today sees one of our saddest days in education. As children and young people leave school at the end of today, we would like to give some continuity and structure in these uncertain times. For all children and young people our school is a place of routine, a place in which to grow in friendship and a place to feel the future is theirs. For some, school is the safest and most secure place in their lives. The school

community is still here and will continue; it will just need to be in a different way - for now.

As trustees, it is our responsibility to monitor and evaluate both the on-site provision for designated children and the on-line provision for home learning. Consequently, we shall continue to visit the school and meet on our usual regular basis to ensure the quality of provision and progress of pupils both on and off-site. It will also be our responsibility to oversee all plans for the future return of pupils to school and their on-going education.

Our thoughts and, where appropriate our prayers, go out to each and everyone of our pupils and families and throughout our country. Let us all do our very best to bring this time of uncertainty to a swift conclusion through adhering to all guidance and recommendations.

We shall be thinking of you all and will value your feedback as we continue through these difficult times. You can contact the trustees through email via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Jane Ferguson

Chair of Unity Multi Academy Trust and Great Barford  
Primary Academy