

To everyone at Crofton Hammond Infant School,

I'm sure you've received a number of emails, letters and phone calls from the school over the last few months with details of home studying, returning to school, and a dozen other topics. This one is slightly different, as it's all about saying thank you.

Firstly, on behalf of all the governors, I want to thank every single member of staff. Whether they're in the classroom, the office, or a member of the support staff, every one of them has been working extremely hard to care for your child's education and welfare. While it's natural for staff, parents and students to have some concerns about returning to work right now, I know how happy they have all been to see so many of your children back in school, and how much they look forward to welcoming everyone back to a safe environment in September.

Secondly, I want to thank all of you. There is nothing more precious to each of us than our children, and however hard staff are working to make our school safe it's still very hard to let your child out of your care in such challenging times. So if your child is coming to school we would like to thank you for your trust in us. And if you haven't felt your daughter or son is quite ready to return, then thank you for the effort you have all put in to create mini-schools at home. Above all, we thank you for all the kind words you've had for staff, and the many gestures of support you have made; Mrs Halton tells us often how much it's appreciated by everyone in the school.

One way many of you have shown your appreciation for the school is by contributing to the events CHIPS organise each year. As budgets have grown tighter in recent years they've substantially increased their efforts, and the amount they give to the school, and we're very grateful to them for all their hard work. For understandable reasons this year's activities have been limited, which has had a significant effect on school funds. I know a number of parents have asked for a way to contribute to the school directly. I want to emphasise that any donation is entirely voluntary, and by far your most important contribution will always be helping your child to make the most of their education. But if you would like to contribute financially, Mrs Halton and her team have identified some specific additions they would love to make to enhance your children's learning and development:

- Year R - outside construction blocks,
- Year 1 - a small climbing frame with monkey bars to support gross motor control,
- Year 2 - a water tray,
- The Rainbow Room - sensory resources

Our office staff will be happy to accept any contributions via cheque. Thank you in advance for any contribution you feel able to make.

On behalf of the governors and staff of Crofton Hammond Infant School I wish you all the best summer holiday possible in the circumstances, and look forward to seeing both new and returning pupils in September

Paul Harris

Chair of Governors