

December 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Young People,

First of all, may I wish you a very happy, warm and hope-filled Christmas?



This has been a difficult year, as you know all too well. As we pause over the next few weeks and then welcome 2021, we have an opportunity to reflect on all that has happened during these challenging times.

During this season of generosity, can I urge us all to give each other the gift of safety? Please take special care even as you celebrate with your loved ones. Enjoy Christmas in ways that keep everyone healthy and protected. The Grinch this year is called Covid – please make sure he doesn't spoil things, now or in January when we will see each other again.

To our parents and carers, I want to thank you for the way you have supported those who lead and work in our schools and academies. They have needed your co-operation and encouragement, so I want to thank you for giving them those gifts.

To all who work in and with our schools, you are unsung heroes. You have created safe spaces in which our young people could thrive and learn. Thank you so much for your professionalism, your commitment and your many sacrifices along the way.

To all our children and young people, you have been amazing. You have coped so well with new ways of doing things. Your warm smiles, excellent manners and hard work have encouraged all those who look after you. Thank you.

God's light still shines into the darkness. May you have a peaceful, joyful and safe Christmas.



Yours,

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