



## **ST.THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome you and your children back to St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary school for the new school year.

We are mindful that it has been a very challenging time since our school closed in March this year, and are so pleased to be able to welcome your children back to school having ensured that we have followed and continue to follow the Government and Public Health England guidelines, to ensure that our school, our staff and your children are as safe as possible.

All of our staff have worked tremendously hard, some visibly and some behind the scenes, many went above and beyond their job remit to ensure that all our children and our wider school community are provided for in these unprecedented times to the best of their ability.

We fully appreciate that there are emotional, financial, and practical implications to this worrying time. Please be assured that we are always here to listen if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing and education.

Staff are often dealing with moving targets, constantly updated information and guidance. We as a Governing Body, ensure that full appropriate training is given and that procedures are followed precisely within the guidelines set out for us by Public Health England as a school and cannot praise our staff highly enough for their rise to the tremendous challenge before them.

Sadly, it would appear that a very small minority of parents feel that it is acceptable to be verbally abusive to some members of staff. This is NEVER acceptable and will not be tolerated. An incident was even witnessed audibly by children within our school – how can this be right?

Everybody is doing their very best to ensure that the school remains a safe place for our children to come together to learn and interact with their friends and teacher.

Please remember that we are Catholic school with Christian values, which includes Love, Kindness and Mutual respect for others.

Yours sincerely

**The Governing Body of St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary school**

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