



20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you all on behalf of the Governing Body for your support towards the school staff during this challenging and disruptive time. We do hope that over the weeks ahead whilst we are undertaking physical distancing measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, that all our school community remains well. Please be assured that we have, and will continue to undertake significant measures, as advised by the appropriate authorities, to protect our school community and ensure the well-being of our staff and children.

The governing body has been working with Liz and the Senior Leadership Team closely, and we have every confidence that the school has appropriate measures in place to support our families (educationally and pastorally) during the forthcoming closure. We would like to sincerely thank all the staff at Kilmorie for their dedication, commitment, flexibility and hard work recently during these unprecedented times.

Liz has, and will continue to provide regular updates as and when we receive them. For example, we are doing everything we can currently to offer the children of keyworkers or those identified as 'vulnerable', places at the school from next week, during the enforced school closure, but this will of course depend on our own staff being available to open the school with safe staffing numbers. We therefore thank you for your patience as I am sure you can appreciate this is a constantly changing situation. The school are waiting for further guidance from Lewisham and will be updating parents shortly about this.

In addition, we are writing to notify you that Liz Stone will now NOT as initially envisaged be retiring at the end of this Spring Term/Easter holiday but will be continuing as Head Teacher until the end of the Summer Term/academic year. She has further agreed to support the school in a Consultation role throughout the following school year 2020/2021. I am sure you will join the Governing Body in expressing your gratitude to Liz for this decision that provides consistency and stability for our school during the current uncertainty.

Although the COVID-19 situation has set back our recruitment plans, we very much hope we will be able to conclude negotiations shortly, and we will write and update you as soon as possible once plans for the coming academic year have been confirmed.

Finally, please be assured the whole school leadership and staff team, as well as the Governing Body, continue to be committed to ensuring that Kilmorie continues to serve its local community and provide an 'outstanding' education for all our children.

Kind regards

Anita Gibbons
Chair of Governors
(For and on behalf of the Kilmorie Governing Body)
Email: kilmoriegovernors@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk