



8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable half term break. The children have returned to school very sensibly and have been working very hard already. We have reached the final half term of this academic year. Once again, this has been a strange year but has shown us what a fantastic school community we have at Red Lane. I would like to thank those parents who have taken the time to send back the parent questionnaire. These have provided us with really helpful feedback moving forward and we have been really pleased to see how happy parents have been with the school's response to COVID 19, whether this is in terms of safety, remote learning or support for families entitled to free school meals.

As we look forward through this final half term we await government and local guidance on what will be possible in terms of school events. This will be guided by what is permitted by any remaining restrictions in June and also the local COVID situation. We will provide parents with information about any events as soon as we are able to.

Unfortunately, I also write to inform you that during the school holidays the school has again suffered significant vandalism which has included the setting of a fire close to the school building. I know you will appreciate the seriousness of this given the fire started by youths in 2018 which led to major destruction of the school. The school and local residents have made calls to the police. I urge all parents to ensure they know where their children are during evenings and weekends as we are aware that some youths do have links to the school through siblings and/or friends. I would also ask parents to report any incidents they know about or anything concerning they witness on the grounds to the police.

Finally, I know that many parents are already aware but I would like to inform you that I will be going on maternity leave on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1 week before the end of term. During my absence in the 2021-2022 academic year Mrs Cromey will be the acting Head of School.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.  
Thank you for your continued support.

**Rhian Driver**  
**Head of School**