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Cultivating Respect, Perseverance, and Learning with Courage

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Governor End of Year Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Volunteers, Pupils and Community Members,

We are now at the end of the most challenging year in the school's history, not to mention for our families and us. We have done tremendously well in minimising the impact on the children and ensuring they remained positive and engaged with their learning. Collectively we have made tremendous progress in minimising the impact of Covid-19 on the children and ensuring they remained positive and engaged with their learning. In recent months staff members have been asked to meet previously unimagined challenges. They have worked tirelessly to manage bubbles, supervise and support pupils and support them to catch up with learning lost in lockdown. The demands have been unprecedented and their efforts unstinting, and we would like to thank them for all they have done to keep each other and our pupils happy and safe.

Throughout the year, Governors have worked closely with the school leadership team to set the priorities and direction of travel. Governors have rigorously assessed progress (including through in-school monitoring visits), and have supported, and challenged the school leadership team to ensure that progress continues at the expected rate. This year we appointed our Co-Headteachers and recruited additional governors to the Board to ensure we have a broad range of skills and experiences; all of this has given much-needed stability to the school. The Local Authority has recognised this change and has recently confirmed they are happy with our progress and that all is now in place for our school to be successful without their direct intervention. We are further encouraged by the steady increase in new pupils joining the school and from hearing that there is a lot of positive messaging in all parts of the community about just how well the school is doing and how happy the children are.

This progress has been achieved through teamwork and living up to our [school values](#) (Respect, Perseverance and Courage). I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment and support for the children and the school. It has made a tremendous difference to the learning and happiness of the children.

As a reminder, if you would like to review our Governing Board Minutes, learn more about your governors and governance at your school, then you can visit the [governor page](#) of the school website.

Governors would like to wish you a happy Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to continuing the journey with you in 2021!

If you have any questions about governance, or any other questions or comments, then please do contact me directly: kmoyes3241@st-michaels-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors