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Dear parent/carers,

As we started this year together following the lockdown from March 2020, we were very hopeful that school life would soon return to 'normal'. Unfortunately, back to normal was not to be and instead we had to rise to the challenges of blended learning to ensure the continuation of the children's education, changes in routines, procedures and a reduction in the mixing of classes to ensure everyone at Newchurch remained safe and risks were mitigated.

Whilst this year has been extremely challenging, we simply could not have achieved all that we did without your support, cooperation and patience. Therefore, we just wanted to take the time to thank you as parents for everything you have done in supporting your children with their learning and adapting to the changes we have had to make to ensure the children were able to continue to thrive.

We pride ourselves on the demonstration of the six Newchurch core values: respect, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility, reciprocity and reflectiveness. We have seen these demonstrated in abundance over the course of the year by our children, families and staff.

It is so easy for the school year to be shrouded by the challenges of COVID-19, but there are many things we can reflect upon and celebrate. Here are just a few:

- A return of all our children to full time schooling in September
- A blended learning approach which allowed for all children to access learning during the national lockdown
- The provision of devices so that all children could access their learning
- A change to virtual parental conferences
- Greater independence of the children coming into school
- A reduction in traffic and congestion outside of school
- The development of a sensory and nurture room and programmes to support children with their social, emotional and mental health
- The development of an ICT strategy which will allow the children to access quality ICT teaching and learning
- The move to a paperless system for communication
- Attendance figures which are the best the school has had for the last five years



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- Establishment of a Forest School curriculum

What we can continue to take pride in is the strong partnership between home and school that has been further strengthened in the face of adversity and challenge. We often say that we are part of the 'Newchurch Family'. It feels like the Newchurch Family has become even stronger this year as we have been determined to continue to prepare our Newchurch robins to fly.

The love, care and compassion that we have seen between our staff, governors and families has been so genuine and heartfelt. But most of all, it is your children who still remain our heroes.

Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway  
Head Teacher

Mrs Rachel Burns  
Chair of Governors

