



London Borough of Havering
ENGAYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs S Sankey: Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

This had been another challenging academic year and the ongoing restrictions brought about by the pandemic have affected every member of our school community.

Firstly, I would like to send out my deepest condolences to everyone who has suffered a bereavement during this difficult time. So many families have been touched in some way by the pandemic, whether through loss of a loved one, financial hardship, loneliness or from the anxiety and mental anguish that so many have suffered. I hope the school community has been able to bring you some comfort and support during this long academic year.

I must thank the staff at school for all their dedication, selflessness, and commitment. Our very own front-line workers have yet again gone above and beyond to ensure that our pupils received the very best possible education during the lockdowns and while in school. Remote learning was a challenge for every school in the country and all took a unique approach to how this should be delivered. At Engayne we recognised that every family dynamic is very different with differing access to online devices and different parental commitments. Our remote learning was adaptable with a variety of methods to ensure that it was accessible to all. I am very proud to report that Engayne pupils were well engaged during each period of home learning and our school data shows how much excellent progress was made. Well done to you all!

Our Senior Leadership team lead by Mrs Sankey has faced one of the most difficult years. Keeping the school working with all of the bubble systems, self-isolations, illness and ever changing risk assessments has been a very daunting challenge. With the well-being of so many to be considered and the education of 630 pupils to maintain, it is a miracle that school has remained open for so long. I want to thank them all for working tirelessly for the benefit of all.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you. I know how hard this has been for everyone. It has taken a toll on all of our mental health, and we have faced disappointment each time a bubble has closed or an event has been cancelled or changed. Every decision that has been made has been done in line with the Local Authority guidance (Which can differ from government guidance) and with the well-being of the pupils at heart. Your support through this period has made each difficult decision easier to take.

I wish every single one of our year 6 pupils the very best for the future. I know the end to your year has been blighted by the pandemic but everything you have learned at Engayne will stay with you and your spirits will not be dampened by the challenges that you faced. This will only make you stronger and more resilient.

We all must go into this holiday period with some optimism that when we return, we will do so with some normality and with a renewed and revitalised enthusiasm. I hope you all enjoy the break and can spend time with your loved ones.

Take care, Kind regards

Julie Deacon Chair of Governors