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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

On behalf of the governing body, we hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I last wrote to you on March 19th, confirming the good news that Mrs Parry will be appointed as our permanent Headteacher from September and that we had finally been granted our Academy Order to convert and join The True Learning Partnership. At that point we were hopeful that our conversion date would be the beginning of June. Despite Lockdown, and all its resultant restrictions, progress has continued to be made behind the scenes. Inevitably, this has been slower than anticipated so the planned date for conversion is now October 1st 2020.

How the world has changed for all of us since March. It must have been particularly difficult for those of you who have been coping with home schooling your children, some whilst working yourselves. We thank you for doing this and applaud the commitment it shows to your children's education. Of course it has also been really tough for your children, who have either had to adjust to the very strange environment they found themselves in at school, or to remain at home, missing their friends, teachers and the social interaction. Mrs Parry and all the staff have worked incredibly hard to provide the best possible education they can for all children, under extremely challenging circumstances, and parent governors have been very positive about the way their children have engaged with both educational and fun activities.

The governing body has been meeting remotely and have continued with some critical business including ratifying next year's budget, approving staffing changes and agreeing improvements to the school environment. However, the main focus of our meetings has been scrutinising the plans for the phased return of children to school. Mrs Parry and the staff have taken great pains to study and understand all the Government and authority guidance and we have been extremely impressed by the plans they have put in place to ensure the safety of you, your children and themselves. We feel sure that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that the school will continue to be a safe and welcoming environment for your children when they all return in September. We realise that some of you may have concerns about your children returning to school, however we have every confidence in Mrs Parry and the staff and trust that you will soon overcome any uncertainty you might have. The initial focus will be very much on helping children to re-adjust to being in school, on their overall wellbeing and then on identifying any gaps in their learning.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of the governing body to say a huge thank you to Mrs Parry and all the staff at Hague Bar for their dedication and commitment to the children in their care through this very difficult period.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Sutton

Hague Bar Primary School's Chair of Governors

