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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of a calendar year is always a time for reflection and there is certainly much to reflect on for this year. We move into 2022 with hope and we reflect on the significant achievements we have accomplished throughout the federation since we went into the first full lockdown in March last year.

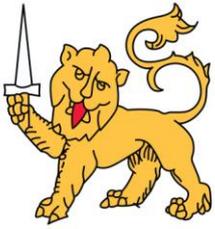
Again, I wish to thank yourselves for the support and kind messages of thanks we have received. Our staff have been fantastic and I want to thank them for everything they have done. Having those messages from yourselves has certainly helped boost morale throughout the pandemic. The whole federation community has shown great commitment, resilience and determination throughout these challenging times and it is these qualities that have led us to being able to provide the excellent educational experience that we have. Seeing the children across the federation each day, engaged and enjoying their learning, with smiles on their faces, reminds us of the importance of what we have achieved. We have also been extremely pleased with the engagement of children in extra-curricular activities and clubs which have given them lots of different learning opportunities and the chance to socialise with each other.

As we did last year, during the autumn term we have experienced some cold temperatures. One of the measures we have in place is to have as much ventilation in rooms by having windows and doors open where possible. We are advised that this needs to continue. We have already put the heating on and will provide additional heating in rooms where we can. Our children look extremely smart in their uniform and we would like this to continue as much as possible. With temperatures likely to remain cold in the spring term, can I ask that parents look to provide children with additional layers underneath their uniform that cannot be seen to best preserve the look of the uniform. Logoed jumpers and cardigans can be worn by the primary school children and Aylestone logoed jumpers (not hooded tops) can be worn under blazers for the secondary school children. All children should have a warm waterproof coat when they come to school and it will be at the teacher's discretion as to whether children need to wear these in the classroom.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring term but please can I draw your attention to the following information:

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come back to school and you should arrange a test for them which can be arranged through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Please follow our normal absence procedures and inform school once you have a test result.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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Please continue to spread the positive messages about all three schools and as always if there are any aspects you are unhappy with please contact the relevant person so that these can be addressed. Once again, thank you for your help and support. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Robertson'.

Simon Robertson,
Executive Headteacher