

# BREDENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent

Can I begin this end of year letter by thanking you all for the support and kindness you have shown to the staff at Bredenbury over what has been an incredibly difficult year.

We know that some of the decisions we have had to take and enforce have seemed hard at times, but they were wholly necessary to ensure that we made it through to the summer term at a time when so many schools are falling victim to positive cases and the “pingdemic”, and I am proud to say that we have done just that.

The most important thing now for the children is to enjoy the summer break. It always seems a long time, but it flies by, and just like us adults they do need to take a break and recharge their batteries. Children are resilient, they will find their way back academically, but the lasting damage of poor wellbeing and mental health can last a lifetime and I am clear that it is this that we really need to focus on. Obviously, it is a difficult time to take full advantage of a normal summer, but I do hope as far as you can you do so.

September will see us welcome Mrs Turner to the teaching staff at Bredenbury and I am sure Mrs McAtear will tell you all about our exciting new member of staff. We also welcome Mrs Ruthwell as a HLTA transferring from St. Peter’s and Mrs Rocca, also a TA at St. Peter’s will share her time between both schools. We are sure they will all prove to be superb additions to the staff. Also, we have appointed Mrs Jefferson as Assistant Headteacher, many congratulations to her.

We have a couple of goodbyes as well. This summer we are losing Mrs Haynes who leaves us to join the TA team at St. Peter’s and as you also know, Miss Robinson is also transferring to St. Peter’s. We wish them all the very best for their futures.

I have eluded previously to closer working with St. Peter’s and QE as we move forward. It seems likely that during next year that is a closer relationship under a proposed local multi-academy trust arrangement between the 3 schools which has long been the aim of local educators for the schools in Bromyard. This would mean the academisation of the school in line with the academy order we are subject to but would protect the local schools whose best interests are served by working together. If everything progresses as we would hope and expect and the proposal is accepted by the Regional Schools Commissioner, then it is likely a period of consultation will open in the second part of autumn term for you to give your views.



And finally, to our recent Ofsted visit. Like all big organisations they take time to complete their work, so we will not see the report until at least September, and mindful that I am not allowed to share any result with you, all I will say is if they stick with the decision they made at the visit it would be true to say that although we are not quite back to where we want to be yet, neither are we where we have been for the last 20 months.

Please have a safe and relaxing break and we welcome the children back on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M Farmer".

Mr. M Farmer  
Executive Head