



South Avenue Primary School

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Dear South Avenue Primary School Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone of you for all your hard work and effort at home during these unprecedented times. It has been a very challenging and difficult time, one which has brought brand new experiences for everyone, parents and teachers alike! Every member of staff at South Avenue Primary School has continued to work hard to keep our children's safety, wellbeing and education at the heart of our practice throughout lockdown. This has been no small task with the many extensive changes to guidance and policy from our government as well as many other unforeseen challenges!

Many of you have commented on the hard work and support we have offered to our children and families at home throughout this time and the recognition has not gone unnoticed. Though some of our younger children may believe we live at school, many of our teachers and wider staff have our own families, anxieties around COVID-19 or have experienced many of the same challenges that you may have had. However, your positive comments and praise have really lifted spirits for everyone throughout this time and have been greatly appreciated.

Here are just a few of the wonderful comments from parents/guardians and family members that have had big influences on our staff:

'I just wanted to say thank you all so much for your support over these difficult weeks. All your guidance and information have been a lifeline and I totally appreciate you're all trying so hard under such awful circumstances with your own families to consider. We can see the amount of work that goes into everything, especially setting up the seesaw platform.'

Year 2 Parent/Guardian

'I truly believe that everyone can only do their best and South Avenue is a brilliant primary school.'

Year R and Year 6 Parent/Guardian

'I thank all you staff at South Avenue for doing all you can in these difficult times. It is sad times for both pupils and staff'

Year R Parent/Guardian

'We appreciate everything the school has done and is doing to try to get us back to normality!'

Year 5, Year 2 and Year R Parent/Guardian

'Thank you to all the staff for all their fantastic support throughout this so far'

Year R Parents/Guardian

'We are grateful to all the staff at South Avenue and the amazing staff for providing the care and support should we need it.'

Year 6 and Year 3 Parent/Guardian

'I take my hat off to all the teachers at South Avenue, I didn't understand or appreciate how hard you all work until this lock down'

Year R Parent/Guardian

'We would like to express our gratitude for all the wonderful support we have received from the school during this difficult time from the online learning, the calls from teachers and the food parcels.'

Year R and Year 2 Parent/Guardian

On behalf of everyone at South Avenue Primary School, thank you all for your kind words and support.

Many thanks,

All staff at South Avenue Primary School.