



26th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The last year has been enormously difficult for everyone, particularly those of you who have lost loved ones to this horrible virus. You will know only too well how difficult it has been for schools this year. I am so proud of the efforts all of our schools have made to adapt and provide a service to our children and families through these difficult times.

Sadly, despite the good news over vaccinations, the virus is still with us and we all need to continue to be vigilant and follow the rules. I have made clear to school leaders that we must be strict in ensuring that we follow the appropriate procedures in relation to people taking holidays abroad and then returning to school. I suspect that there will not be too many people who want to pay the additional costs of taking a holiday abroad during these times. For those who do we need to ensure that they do not bring anything back from holiday that might affect the health and safety of the rest of our school communities.

We are optimistic for the future and hope that by September the vaccinations will have done their work and schools will be able to resume almost as normal. We are now looking together as a Trust about how we learn from the experience of the last year and use this to further improve our service. Technology has played a key part in allowing us to continue educating young people and we are looking at how we can invest sensibly across the Trust to make sure that every child has access to a device when they need it. We are also very aware that those children with special educational needs and disabilities and from families which are already struggling to make ends meet, will have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. As a Trust we are all committed to doing all we can to support every child to achieve success including those sometimes referred to as vulnerable.

The biggest thing that we have learnt together over the COVID crisis is that we are much stronger together. The support the schools have provided for each other, and we have been able to provide from the centre, has strengthened our Trust further.

As we look to the future we are taking the time to review our values, aims and core purpose. In this post pandemic world much has changed and it seems appropriate to take the opportunity to think together about what we want to achieve as the Red Kite Learning Trust. On Wednesday 16th June we will be holding a mass consultation event across the Trust. Given the restrictions that are still in place we will be doing this virtually, using a simple questionnaire system that will be accessible on your mobile phone or any other device. We really want your views so please look out for further details about this event which will come through to you via your child's school.

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Your child attends a school that is part of a Trust with a fantastic reputation for doing the right thing for all children and working ethically and responsibly within the communities we serve. Doing things in the right way is as important to us as the goals that we try to achieve. Schools thrive in the Red Kite Learning Trust and our children therefore thrive too. We will not always get things right but we will always work to improve and get even better at what we do.

I look forward to seeing you on the 16th as part of the consultation.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Sheriff', written in a cursive style.

Richard Sheriff
CEO – Red Kite Learning Trust