



Dear Yeoman Park and Redgate Primary family,

The Academy Committee governors of Yeoman Park Academy and Redgate Primary Academy joint Academy Committee would like to thank everyone in the Yeoman Park and Redgate Primary family for the brilliant way in which everyone has pulled together to minimise the impact the pandemic has had on our students. It has been an incredibly tough year for everyone - it is hard to believe that this time last year we were entering our first lockdown and here we are a year later about to come out of our third lockdown. Children and young people have missed the social interaction of being at school and their education has been disrupted.

However, we have been so impressed by the commitment and dedication shown by the staff towards the students in their care. It has not been easy organising support and home learning remotely as well as continuing to meet the needs of the students in school. Both academies have done a remarkable job in keeping partially open throughout the three lockdowns and welcoming as many students as possible into the academies. The staff have supported each other and pulled together in this crisis and continue to be committed to providing the best learning environment for all our students. We have heard how staff have gone over and above what is expected to provide help and support to families. The Trustees would like to convey their recognition and appreciation to all staff for their hard work.

This would not have been possible however, without the commitment of the academies' community – parents, families, and carers. We understand how tough it has been, juggling home schooling with work and family responsibilities, but everyone has done an amazing job throughout the lockdowns. Your help and support have made a huge difference to your children and young people.

Changes to routine are never easy but we have been heartened to hear about the resilience of the students who have adapted to the challenge of changes to their routine, which is never easy. They are happy to be back at school - meeting up with their friends and teachers again. Governors are looking forward to visiting the academies when the guidance permits, seeing the students and having meetings in person rather than remotely.

Although the pandemic has occupied much of the time of Courtney and the senior leaders, planning for further improvement to the excellent work the academies are already doing in providing bespoke education for all our students continues. Since January, the academies have been further strengthened by the input and expertise of Lucy Spacey and Gareth Letton.

Hopefully, a return to more normal life is on its way. The prospect of some improvements to Yeoman Park is exciting news and just what is needed to boost morale!

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment.

Kind regards

**Lynn Weeks**  
**Chair of Academy Committee**