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**Ref: A year like no other – thank you**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards the end of a year like no other, we write to thank you for your unwavering encouragement, support and kind words throughout the COVID crisis: you have been magnificent! Together, we have made a major contribution at a time of national need, with all our schools remaining open and delivering learning materials during term and holiday periods.

We are tremendously excited about September, when all our schools will be fully open and we welcome both our returning students and those joining the BEST Family for the first time. We hope that you share our excitement and are looking forward to seeing your children returning and embracing the joy and wonder of learning, in the company of their friends. Of course, precise arrangements for the start of the new school year will be provided by your individual school.

Many lessons have been learnt through the challenges we have faced together during the 2019-20 academic year. We successfully met all these challenges with courage, purpose and connection. This provides a terrific foundation on which to build, whilst promising much for the year ahead; one we should approach with confidence and ambition.

We wish you all a wonderful summer.

Ilona Bond  
Chair of Trustees

Alan Lee  
Chief Executive Officer

