

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to wish you a happy new year as we continue to navigate the ongoing challenges of the pandemic together. The partnership between you, your children and all the staff who work in our schools is essential to giving children the very best chance at this critical stage of their lives. Thank you for working with us, trusting and supporting our staff to keep the children safe, positive and learning every day.

The ongoing pandemic and ever-changing government guidance continues to demand a lot of each of us in our daily lives and means that we all still often have to change plans at short notice. This term – as last term – it may mean we have to temporarily move to remote learning for some classes for brief periods of time in order to minimise the impact of the pandemic. **We know this causes disruption for parents and carers but I want to reassure you that our schools will only ever make this decision as a last resort.** In my first term as CEO of PACE Academy Trust I have met many of your children across our five schools and I am frequently delighted to see them lead the way with great resilience and positivity.

If you would like to learn a bit more about PACE and our five amazing schools please take a look at our website: <https://www.paceacademytrust.com> . I am a passionate advocate for children's rights, and am very proud of our curriculum and the work our schools are doing to promote wellbeing, diversity and inclusion. You can follow all of our schools and us as an academy trust on [twitter](#), where you will get a real sense of our curriculum and gain a quick and easy insight into the events and achievements.

Every one of our staff across all schools came together virtually during a training day last Tuesday, when we spent time reflecting on the successes of the past year, working together to review our teaching principles, sharing best practice and refining what we stand for as a collective group of schools. Each school also spent some time on issues which were specific to their individual school priorities. I am very privileged to lead such a fantastic community of schools.

Let me sign off by reiterating my thanks to you all for your ongoing support and partnership with us.

Sending you my warm wishes and hopes for a healthy, happy 2022.

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