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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

We are experiencing a situation that no-one has ever had to cope with. There are more questions than answers to the current pandemic, with issues around schools being part of that process.

I realise this is a very difficult time for parents and carers, with great uncertainty about what is going to happen. These are also uncharted waters for schools and teachers. We receive daily updates from the Department for Education about the situation, which basically say that schools should remain open, whilst following the general guidance that the government has issued to everyone. The Headteacher and staff are not medical experts, although they will always ensure that your children are safe and well cared for. They cannot, however, make decisions about whether individual children should attend school due to personal illness or particular family circumstances. If a child becomes ill whilst at school, then normal, established procedures will be followed.

It may well be the case that schools will close for an extended period of time at some stage, however that decision is for Central Government and not for the local schools to make. In the meantime, Goldington Green Academy will remain open and continue to offer your children an excellent education within a safe and caring environment. If you have any questions about the virus, please refer to national guidelines and follow the latest news updates.

All staff are absolutely committed to doing their very best under difficult circumstances, remembering that many of them are also parents and/or have concerns for older relatives. Our staff are also experiencing the same levels of anxiety that many of you are.

I want to thank you for your continuing support of the school and ask that you bear with us, and in particular the teachers themselves, during these very challenging times. As soon as the situation changes, we will let you know about the next steps but, in the meantime, we will try to make life as normal as possible for your children and continue to express the importance of personal hygiene and regular hand washing in particular.

With all good wishes

Vicki Carter

Chair of Governors



From the smallest seeds, to the tallest trees, always aiming higher; Give, Grow and Aspire