

Tuesday 21st July 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers & Infinity Families,

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you for your tremendous support of our children, staff and schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been overwhelmed by your patience and understanding during these difficult times, as we have tried our best to respond to the unprecedented situation. We hope that you have felt supported by the Trust and its schools and have understood that at all times we have tried to act in the best interests of your children. We have certainly felt supported and encouraged by you.

I hope that the children have enjoyed their opportunities to attend meet and greet sessions over the last three days and that this has settled nerves and increased the excitement ready for our return in September. We cannot wait to have all of the children back in their schools from the 3rd September and although it won't be entirely 'normal', it will be wonderful to have all our school communities back together again. I know school leaders have explained arrangements for the school return and I'm sure we will all get used to the "new" ways of working very quickly.

If you have a child in Year 6, I would like to wish them well in preparation for their transition to secondary school. I know the end to this year is not one we would have chosen but your children have shown levels of maturity and positivity that will definitely support them in the future. They have made us all very proud and I look forward to hearing of their successes as they start a new stage of their education. It has been really nice to see some of the celebrations that have occurred in our schools over the last few days and I hope they have made some positive memories to take away with them.

As a Trust, this pandemic has brought us closer together. We have learned that by working collaboratively we can do things that would be impossible alone. Our teaching staff have been busy supporting each other with plans for next academic year and staff training; our finance and admin teams have been sharing resources and information; our Heads have guided each other through complex Government guidance and detailed risk assessments and our Governors and Trustees have found new ways of working to support our schools. We have proven that our Trust values of Curiosity, Integrity, Unity, Love and Hope have never been more relevant than in these last few months.

Infinity Academies Trust is a growing and developing organisation and we want to ensure we are supporting our schools not just in times of crisis such as the last few months but *all* of the time so that they can continue to offer the very best provision for your children. We have been busy preparing new professional development and training opportunities for our staff,

designing robust quality assurance structures to ensure our schools stay at the top of their game and looking at ways of bringing our pupils together for exciting experiences.

In order to be able to bring some of these new activities to life, we are making some changes to the leadership structure for the next academic year. I will be moving my attention to focus solely on the development of the Trust as a whole and working with - and for - all five schools. To do this, I will be moving away from my Executive Headteacher functions at St Thomas', Wyberton and St Nicholas to devote more time to the CEO role. I will be supported in this by our School Improvement Lead, Mr Ainsworth.

I'm delighted to say that our Heads of Academy (Miss Paul, Miss Sharples and Mrs Booth) will step up to lead their schools as Head Teachers from September so from your perspective, and that of your children, it will be very much business as usual with familiar faces leading the way. Mr Clarke, will continue to lead GipseY Bridge and Spilsby as Executive Head Teacher into the new academic year and he is eager to meet more of the GipseY Bridge children in the new school year. As school leaders, we are all determined that across the five schools we make the very best of our talented teams and fantastic resources to ensure that all of our children are: "Ready to Learn & Prepared to Flourish" over the course of the next school year and beyond.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that you begin to enjoy the gradual return of a more "normal" way of life. Please do stay safe and I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to our Trust in September for what I hope will be a fantastic year and the chance to make some new and exciting memories.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Booth', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gavin Booth
Chief Executive Officer