



18th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Message from John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust

On behalf of the John Taylor Board, and all the staff within the Trust's central team, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to your child's school, its staff and its community.

Thankfully, we have seen this year a greater level of stability for learning than in 2019/20 or 2020/21, as lockdown restrictions have eased and schools have seen the return of external tests and examinations, school trips and visits, sports days, summer concerts...and Ofsted inspections!

We do not underestimate the impact on some of our children and their families that the disruption to their school lives over the last two years or so has caused. We want to pay tribute to all our children and young people who have dealt with such disruption admirably - with great personal resilience and kindness to one another. There is also an acknowledgment that many families are still encountering difficult times as the increased cost of living continues to enforce difficult choices.

Our schools' staff have worked tirelessly to support all children socially and emotionally whilst seeking the best from them academically. As we near the end of the academic year, it is only fitting to commend our colleagues for all their efforts and the sacrifices they have made to make our schools the special places they are. They don't always get everything right, and nor do we as a Trust, but we act with integrity and in the best interests of all the children and young people we serve.

In the above context, it is more important than ever that parents and school work together to ensure our children and young people thrive, and are equipped to move forward positively in their learning and development. It is with great regret that we report from our schools a rise in abusive and hurtful behaviour from a small number of parents towards staff. I'm sure you will agree with us that this is never acceptable - and actions have been pursued in relation to parents whose conduct has fallen way short of what can be expected.

We will close by wishing you and your family a restful and safe summer, and with thanks for all you do to support your child, their friends and classmates, and the school that they go to. You play your part in making our schools special places to be.

With best wishes.

Handwritten signatures of Mike Donoghue and G Moss.

M Donoghue (CEO) and G Moss (Chair)