

Dear Samuel Barlow Primary and Wainwright Primary Academy families,

Well here we are the end of another year, 2021/22 has been another strange year, and yes Covid has stuck around with all its challenges, having an affect in both academies, with staff and students taking ill, however, both academies have pulled through, staff and students alike, it's not been easy.

The governors continue to support the academies and thank staff, students and parent/carers for their continued support. It's been great for governors to meet face to face, some of us meeting in person for the first time. We said goodbye to one of our governors from the board, however he now serves the trust as a new trustee, and we wish him well.

At the start of this letter I mention Covid, I want to say thank you to our academies, for the resilience of the team and the children over the year as the guidance around COVID-19 changed over the time we were in school.

Even though we've faced challenges over the last 12 months, the academies have achieved so much, below are some bullet points of the success across both academies and supported by Academy Committee and Senior Leadership Team.

- Samuel Barlow Ofsted success which means we know our curriculum is the best for our children.
- Wainwright are still awaiting for Ofsted, however they had an Academy Improvement Review by the Trust which was outstanding.
- Jubilee and Sports events which welcomed parents at both academies again and were a huge success.
- Year 6 achievements with fantastic SATS results demonstrating their determination to learn and succeed, modelling the Samuel Barlow Standards every step of the way and making the progress they deserved – a credit to their families, academy and community.
- Wainwright engaged with a DfE project around SEND which has been a real success.
- Both schools have been developing their curriculum through a high quality package of training for all staff through the Diverse Association and National Professional Qualifications for leaders.

As governors we are aware of the stress and anxiety that Covid has continued to cause staff, students and parents, Mental Health and Well-being of staff and students has been a concern and a priority for governors, in all our conversations with the Senior Leadership, this along with safeguarding has been at the forefront of our conversations

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish you all a good summer break. We wish all students and their families who are moving on at the end of term, well, and look forward to welcoming everyone else back to the academies in September.

Kind Regards

Mr Pete Edwards

Chair of Academy Committee governors