

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I want to thank you for your overwhelming support in helping our young people adapt to the new routines that we must all get used to during this time. Our pupils have really impressed us with their willingness to adapt and with how quickly and easily they have settled in following such a lengthy absence for the vast majority. It has been lovely to see our community supporting one another as we find our way around a transformed building and get used to looking after each other's safety by doing all that we can to keep the school Covid-secure.

I would like to ask for your continuing support in reminding our key stage 3 pupils to always bring a facemask to school and to remind all pupils of the importance of following the rules for everyone's safety. There are many anxious members of the community and following the rules will help us all.

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School and Northill C of E (VA) Lower School have been part of a Soft Governance Federation since 2012. In the light of our significant growth and likely changes to education provision locally, the governing bodies of both schools have seen the advantages that come from becoming an academy and joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and are considering joining the Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust (DSAMAT). A MAT is a partnership of schools who work together under a formal agreement for the benefit of all in the partnership. Each school in the MAT benefits from being stronger together, whilst retaining its own leadership and day to day decision making. When Northill joins DSAMAT, it will mean that the soft federation between Edward Peake Middle School and Northill Lower School will be dissolved.

I hope you are all enjoying the continued good weather and have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z J Linington'.

Miss Z J Linington
Federation Headteacher

