

September 2020

Welcome back everyone. We should all be thankful that we have all returned to start the new academic year; that COVID19 did not claim any of our colleagues nor other member of Mayville community.

The Board of Trustees and Board of Member of Urbis Academy hereby extend our condolences and sympathy to the families directly affected by the current pandemic.

The pandemic presented Mayville School, along with others, with a range of unfamiliar problems. Unfortunately, there was no reliable source of available solutions to the full range difficulties which COVID threw at us all.

Thankfully, every member of Mayville School staff rose to the challenge and pulled the school through as a team. The much-needed support was delivered to both parents and pupils throughout the lockdown.

Thanks to the teachers and the support staff, Mayville pupils were given the much-needed work and supervision which was needed. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to this collective effort.

I must extend special thanks to the school's Caretaker for his dedication and commitment in keeping the building and grounds in the best possible state throughout.

Special thanks must also go to the Office Manager and Staff and the Teaching Assistants, along with others who were in school regularly, on the frontline, delivering the much-needed support to the Vulnerable Children and dealing with the queries and needs of the parents throughout the lockdown. These committed people were always present on my numerous visits to the school. On behalf of both Boards, thanks.

It is clear that a number of changes have been introduced to school life. Everyone is still learning to adapt to the 'new normal'. The next academic year will present some issues which, I am confident, will be successfully addressed by the team. The children have missed out on two terms of teaching and will need all the support they can get to close the gap created by the pandemic. The members of both Boards are confident that every member of the team will rise to the demand of the next academic year.

Again, thank you and welcome.

Walter Harding

Chair of Trustees