



Dear Principal and Chair of the Board of Governors,

Please read below a statement from one of our partners the Transferor Representatives' Council acknowledging their appreciation to Principals, Senior Leadership Teams, Governors and all school staff.

Message from Transferor Representatives' Council

At a recent meeting of the Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) Executive, many heartfelt tributes were paid to School Principals, Senior Leadership Teams, Staff and Governors for the manner in which they had all responded to the additional demands and extra workloads associated with the delivery of the curriculum to pupils throughout the current pandemic.

The TRC commends Principals and staff for the arrangements put in place to enable remote learning to take place and for maintaining, as necessary, regular communication between teachers, parents and pupils respectively.

The TRC recognises that some teachers have undertaken further professional development to enable pupils to learn by means of online teaching and supervision over the past year.

The TRC is cognisant that Boards of Governors, all of whom serve in a purely voluntary capacity (and are representative of the DE, EA, TRC, Parents and Teachers on Controlled Schools) have continued with their responsibilities for oversight of the curriculum, finance, health and wellbeing of pupils, the provision of education for pupils with special educational needs and for maintaining links with the community. The TRC acknowledge the additional workload that has been placed on governors due to the uncertainty around and subsequent cancellation of the transfer tests this year. All School Staff and those associated with management have experienced additional workloads, undergone considerable and additional stress, and on occasions been on the receiving end of written or verbal complaints and criticisms from stressed and worried parents and potential parents.

The TRC thanks most sincerely all of the aforementioned for their commitment to pupils and their mental health and wellbeing, the delivery of education, their dedication to the schools and for their service at this time of global disruption and anxiety. Their professionalism is recognised and their service deeply appreciated. The TRC encourages everyone who believes in the power of prayer to keep School Principals, Senior Leadership Teams, teachers, support staff, pupils and School Governors on their regular prayer list. All need support, encouragement and pastoral care at this time.

God is, and remains "our faithful, unchangeable friend... We'll praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come" Joseph Hart (1712 – 68).

With thanks and every blessing.

Miss S Rosemary Rainey OBE
Chair

Dr Peter Hamill
Secretary