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Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of the year we would usually be issuing you with a report of your child's progress, highlighting their achievements and attitude since our interim reports earlier in the year. As I mentioned in my letter to you on the 12th June, we will not be sending out this report to tell you about how your child has been getting on in school over the last term and a half – mainly because they've not been here! We do want to take the opportunity to talk to you about your child's achievements though, which is why we have started to contact parents to talk about these, and their general wellbeing. You are a great source of information to help us start planning how we will support your child when they return to school (if they haven't already).

Usually we would send a letter out with these reports letting you know which class your child will be in next year and with which teacher. Below is a table showing the movement of classes.

Classes 2020-2021

2019-2020		2020-2021
Reception Oak (Mrs Webber/Mrs Lewis)	→	Year 1 Beech (Miss Mills)
Reception Ash (Mrs Roberts)	→	Year 1 Elm (Mrs Lowings/Mrs Howard)
Year 1 Elm (Mrs Gallie)	→	Year 2 Willow (Miss Evanson)
Year 1 Beech (Miss Mills)	→	Year 2 Maple (Mrs Undrell)
Year 2 Maple (Mrs Undrell)	→	Year 3 Sycamore (Mrs Oestreicher)
Year 2 Willow (Mrs Evanson)	→	Year 3 Chestnut (Mr Vince)
Year 3 Sycamore (Mrs Oestreicher)	→	Year 4 Birch (Mr Warlow)
Year 3 Chestnut (Mrs Lowings)	→	Year 4 Hazel (Mrs Holland)

I am absolutely delighted to be welcoming Mrs Debbie Shorrock and Mr Kurtis Vince who will be joining our team in September in Years Reception and 3 respectively. Both will be completing their teacher training at Gothic Mede Academy over the next couple of weeks and we are very pleased to have been able to secure both members of staff and their excellent teaching skills for next year.

Mrs Shorrock and Mr Vince will be among all members of staff to send out a recorded reading of one of their favourite books to their new classes on Friday, alongside a presentation summarising some of what next year will hold for your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with our work and the challenges that we have faced in school this year. It is very much appreciated and this period of time would have been significantly more challenging had we not had such support from our community. This year has been

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challenging for people around the World and especially for parents who have had to step into positions of delivering a remote curriculum, whilst also working and dealing with the day-to-day consequences of a global pandemic. We know that this has had an impact on children and wider families alike and our Family Support Worker and plans for supporting the mental wellbeing of children when they return are standing by.

Parents, carers and grandparents frequently stop me to tell me when things have gone well or where we could make changes for the better. Your constructive feedback is always welcome and I would ask you again to register that support on the Ofsted Parent View website if you have not done so already: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> A quick search online for 'parent view' will bring it up too.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the pupils and staff of Gothic Mede Academy. The pupils at home and those who have been in school have shown great resilience and patience and, although it is easy to say that this is what children are like, this isn't universal. This is what **our** children are like. Our staff, too, have shown the same qualities and equal amounts of dedication to providing for your children. They have worked relentlessly since the start of lockdown and I couldn't be more proud of the family that I belong to which is Gothic Mede Academy. It's a really special place to be and I can't wait for our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds to be full and buzzing again when it is safe to allow.

I hope you all enjoy the easing of lockdown restrictions as they come and I wish you some time for relaxation and social contact in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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