



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: End Of Autumn Term Reports

**These report cards are based on the end of Autumn term assessments. Unfortunately, due to the way the term ended and the start to this new term, the report cards did not go out as planned.**

You will soon be receiving your child's report card for the Autumn Term, which details their attainment in core areas, in addition to judgements for their Effort and Attitude to Learning.

As you are fully aware, most children missed up to four months of face-to-face schooling at the end of the last academic year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The children had to adapt as learners and rely on consolidation tasks shared remotely. They were resilient and fantastic during what was a difficult period for everyone; engaging in the learning provided by their teachers. This new way of learning meant that most children had gaps in their knowledge when they returned to school in September as they had been prevented from learning in the school environment.

I mention this as you might notice that your child is presently working below where you would expect them to be. We are fully aware of the need to catch the children up so they are back on track. We have an incredible team here at St. John's, with a wealth of experience, and as expected, the plans have already had a considerable impact on children's progress.

Some of the measures we have, and will continue to have, in place once we are all back in school include: quality first teaching, classroom intervention, targeted group support, 1:1 support, and increasing the provision of reading resources. In addition to this, we will continue to increase the time dedicated to mental and physical health, with more time given to PSHE, wellbeing and physical activities; all of which support a child in making great progress. We are fully confident that these measures will have the desired impact over the course of time, and that children will continue to make the excellent progress that they have already shown last term.

Our next Parents' Evening is scheduled for next week, beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the contents of the report card and be given some targets for your child to work towards.

It is vital that you keep up regular communication with your child's class teacher throughout the year. Usually, this can be done through informal conversation during drop off and or pick up. However, during the pandemic, you can keep in regular contact via class dojo.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school and your child's learning; together we will be able to help every child achieve their potential.

Kind regards  
Mrs Tonnie Read  
Executive Headteacher

