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Dear Staff at GHS,

I would like to congratulate the whole Greenford High School community on its spirit of unity and resilience during the past few months with the upheaval of COVID-19. We have thrived on many fronts and we are so proud of all our stakeholders, parents and families, students and above all, our staff.

I also want to acknowledge and applaud the adaptation and teamwork of the Greenford High 'Staff body', who enabled us to continue teaching and nurturing our students during this most unusual of school years. At all times our dual mission was to first, support and educate while at home and second, to welcome pupils back at school with safety and wellbeing as a critical consideration. Everyone's steadfast commitment has made this possible in a way that other schools have not been able to replicate.

This has been no small feat. The last few months have been so strange that it's almost hard to recall the time before lockdown and what 'normal' school life was like, but with so much always happening in the world it is worth reflecting on the other events of 2020.

The Greenford High School team worked tirelessly to deliver 'Remote Learning' to all year groups as soon as possible. It astounds me to think of the demanding changes involved, not limited to continuing to deliver all academic subjects (even with tragic passing of one of our beloved teachers), overcoming initial technical niggles, evolving the Remote Learning to improve it every day, changing the timetables and overcoming the initial complexities of remotely delivering to our 1380 students.

There have also been management considerations to ensure the school's operational and financial stability to reflect the change in circumstances, renegotiating and reviewing budgets.

Teachers embraced the challenge. Some have young children themselves at home, yet everyone worked hard behind the scenes. A great amount of detail was required to keep the health, safety and well-being of all members of the community as our top priority. Extra deep cleaning rotas, creating bubbles, changing the classrooms so that each tutor group would have the space they needed and as many open windows and doors as possible, ring-fencing indoor and outdoor spaces for each bubble, continually adjusting processes as the official advice was updated.

The Governors, Senior Management Team and staff had countless conversations and meetings behind the scenes with the Local Education Authority. I know that our Headteacher liaised daily / weekly with Governors, SLT, Staff, Heads from other schools, Ealing LA, DfE and Public Health England to troubleshoot all aspects of the return to school.

When the government announced that all other years could return to school, Greenford High made that happen within a week. Many schools even now are struggling to achieve the same and I hear that other schools have looked to us as an example of how to restart, a big compliment to you all.

On behalf of 'The Governing Body', I want to take the opportunity to say a **'huge and heartfelt thank you to our amazing Headteacher, teachers, teaching assistants and school support staff, who every day make a real and vital difference to the lives of our students and school community'**.

This is a year to remember. The Greenford High School community has demonstrated resilience, enthusiasm, and a profound sense of togetherness. As I said in my opening, we are immensely proud and grateful for the remarkable way in which **Greenford High** has risen to this extraordinary challenge.

Thank you all.

Take care everyone, keep safe and hopefully we can all get through this crisis together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sunny Chana', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sunny Chana  
Chair of Governors