

Tysoe CE Primary School

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The 2020 – 2021 academic year has presented yet more challenges to our staff, children and families at Tysoe.

Pupil numbers remain stable and the school continues to thrive. Consistent numbers alongside sparsity funding for rural schools means the school is in a strong financial position and has a secure future.

Following the new lockdown on January 5th 2021, we implemented our remote education offer. The children have opportunities to join online lessons and have access to workbooks and printed materials. The staff are also providing regular social times and story times online. We have a significant number of vulnerable children and children of critical workers in school and the staff are managing both remote education and face-to-face teaching. Through parent donations and Department for Education support, the school have been able to ensure access to adequate technology for most families. The school continue to provide other resources for families working at home. The staff have invested significant time in supporting the well-being of our children and providing opportunities to celebrate significant events during these challenging times. We have had to find ways to adapt special events such as Sports Day, our Leavers' Service and Advent Services.

Despite partial school closures our school improvement work has continued after our very successful Ofsted inspection. While all statutory testing has again been cancelled this year, the staff maintain their high expectations for our children and their learning.

The Christian Foundation Group started last year has continued to meet and welcomed a new member and Foundation governor, Jackie Bell. We have developed a new mission statement and shared Christian values for the school - Nurture, Serve, Grow – to better reflect our Christian distinctiveness and ethos. With support from the PCC, we have had new artwork installed in the main foyer depicting our shared values and mission statement. We look forward to being able to invite more people into school to see this.

The governing body of the Federation of Tysoe and Wellesbourne Primary Schools has recently completed a consultation to convert both schools to academy status and form a multi-academy trust called Fosse Multi-Academy Trust. Fosse MAT will secure the future of our schools while maintaining our shared Christian ethos and high standards of education.

We all look forward to a happy, full school again soon and despite the challenges it has presented expect this to be another successful year for Tysoe CE Primary School.

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Head of School