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### **A letter from the Aquinas Advisory Council (AAC) – Rye Community Primary School**

Dear Parents,

Almost a year ago the AAC arranged for, what was to become, the first of regular Parent forums which would give an opportunity to discuss the progress of the school and its pupils with the Head of School and the AAC in an open and supportive consultation.

“Best laid plans”, as they say; only a month later we were in our first lockdown following the Covid-19 outbreak. Who would have thought that we’d now be in our third and, hopefully, final lockdown? I distinctly remember one parent’s question regarding hand washing and general hygiene which showed a glimpse into the future that none of us would have foreseen.

As you all know the school has continued to operate during the last year both physically and virtually, adapting to changes as they presented themselves. The AAC has also continued to operate and support the school remotely and at our last Zoom meeting we discussed the role that you, the parents, have had to face.

The reason I am writing is to thank you all for your commitment in your new roles as home schoolers, TA’s and Midday Supervisors. I cannot imagine the challenges you have had to face which stretch from getting your children to sit down to do their work to a new understanding of long division and what a frontal adverbial is; I have worked with a few teachers in the past who have taken longer to grasp these concepts than many of you.

Feedback from the parent representatives and teaching staff on the AAC have said that the quality of the work sent from the school and the response to that work has been amazing. It is a testament to yours’ and the school’s hard work that your children are still learning despite the situation.

I look forward to meeting with you all at some time in the future but for now thank you again and please keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Gould  
AAC Chair, on behalf of Rye Primary AAC