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Clifford All Saints Primary School is a wonderful place that embodies its vision of 'Learning, creativity and love'. At any other time, I would have enjoyed getting to know you all in person. However, as circumstances are what they continue to be, this is a great time to introduce myself to you all. My name is Cathy Rowland and I am currently the Executive Headteacher of Clifford All Saints. I am also Headteacher of Dobcroft Infant School, which is my substantive school. I have enjoyed writing this short report alongside the Deputy Headteacher, Hannah Wood and look at it as an opportunity to reflect on the journey a small school can make in less than a year.

Since Mrs Preston's last report to you, she has now retired. The whole of the Clifford All Saints community want to take this opportunity to thank her for all she did for the school during her many years of service. When Mrs Preston last wrote to you, it was at the start of what has been a very difficult challenging year for all of us. The true impact of the Covid 19 pandemic has certainly not been measured or indeed recognised yet. All of the school staff have worked incredibly hard throughout the pandemic.

Staff have worked in 'bubbles' and made sure that all children continue to receive a high standard of education, whether that has been at home during lockdown periods or in school during times of relief where we have been back in school, although still in class groups. While we have not been able to have Julefest, visits to church or travel between the two sites, we have still taken part in wonderful whole school events. Our online Harvest, Christmas and Easter assemblies were full of prayers, songs and storytelling. The strength of our Church ethos continues to come through in assemblies shared by our two link churches Saint Andrews Psalter Lane and All Saints Ecclesall.

Our little school has continued to grow. During this period of transition, we have seen long standing teachers leave and welcomed new ones. In September we will welcome our new reception children and finally become a full school for 4 year olds to 11 year olds. There have been some exciting developments on our Ringinglow Road site- we have beautiful new playground markings, a new heating system and part of the roof is being replaced in the summer holidays. Our Psalter Lane site continues to be a lovely place for our youngest children who enjoy learning in such a beautiful building, complete with its well and stained glass. This year we have also started a new scheme of phonics books for children across school. They have been enjoying the new characters and stories. Reading is a priority in our school and we are always looking for new exciting books to share with the children.

We continue to benefit from the love and care of all at St Andrews Psalter Lane in all areas of school life. You have continued to be a pillar of great support for the school. Both Hannah Wood and I appreciate the involvement of our wider school community and look forward to a time when we can be together. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about what is going on at school and visit our website. Or for day to day information, follow one of our social media sites:

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Very best wishes,

Cathy Rowland

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