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Dear Parents and Carers

As we break for Christmas, I wanted to celebrate a hugely productive but exhausting term.

Schools have always been asked to do a great deal above and beyond teaching and providing school-based pastoral care, but never before have the demands been so high. It always astounds me how well schools adapt so that your children are cared for and educated to the highest standard possible.

Maiden Erlegh Trust schools are no exception, and I can only thank my colleagues for everything they do, despite the magnitude of what is being asked of them. Their dedication to your children keeps shining through which is inspiring.

Furthermore, our schools have not stood still. Our vision statement says clearly *“we will not be complacent – we will compare our work with that of the best schools in the country and continue to improve.”*

Despite everything, schools have ensured that their work is seen through external eyes, and the results are very positive. Some examples are:

- 4 schools have gained anti-bullying accreditation.
- 2 schools have received awards linked to equality and diversity.
- 2 schools have been reaccredited in NACE Challenge award (with two others working on accreditation).
- There have also been awards for LPPA, Basic Skills, Young Carers, Eco-Schools etc.
- Great Hollands Primary School has received a hugely positive peer review through Challenge Partners, hotly followed by an Ofsted Inspection.
- MECE has hosted a Challenge Partners Trust Leaders’ session and will also have a review next term.

At Trust level we also check our performance: we have had a very positive ESFA Finance & Governance Review. We will also shortly have our annual review with the Regional Schools Commissioner and a full external review through Challenge Partners.

I hope you enjoy quality time with family and friends over the break. Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mary Davies
Chief Executive Officer