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Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council

Re: Annual Parish Meeting – 13th April 2022

Thank you for your kind invitation to your upcoming annual parish council meeting. Unfortunately, we are unable to send a representative from our school, but please find below a brief written report:

It has been an extremely challenging couple of years for all schools as the pandemic has affected staffing levels, attendance and continuous learning. We have had to adapt our routines and how we work, at times isolating, teaching in 'bubbles' and introducing remote learning. We have had to work very differently to support families in our community, many of whom have struggled greatly during these challenging times.

September 2021, we have attempted to return to as much normality as possible, however six days into the new term we had an Ofsted inspection which threw us a little bit of a curve ball. We didn't achieve the overall outcome that we would have liked but it left us with many positive comments and achievable targets that we are currently working on.

It has been a pleasure to reintroduce extra-curricular and sporting trips and events for our children, involving the wider community. These are an extremely important part of what we do in our school and we really value 'a return to the new normal.' We have plans for a Summer Spectacular and intend to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by planting a new celebratory garden area.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

A.D.Chapman

Mr Chapman (Headteacher)