

23rd July 2020

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

As we approach the summer break, I would like to thank you so much for supporting your school during these challenging weeks and months. We will all remember the pandemic of 2020 for years to come, as a time of sadness and difficulty but also of heroism and unity. Thank you for your part in that.

I would also like to pay tribute to our school leaders and staff. They have been amazing in sailing through uncharted waters. They are ready for a break so that they can return in September with vision and energy.

Your school has its plans ready for September. The aim is to have all children back in school, as you know. Yet it won't be school as we knew it before lockdown. For some time yet there will be important differences so that everyone is as safe as possible. We will need to continue to be creative, patient and flexible.

We also need to remember that our plans depend on rates of infection. From September your school will be prepared for partial or complete closure if required.

To those pupils who are moving to a new school in September, I wish you every success in your next adventure. See this as writing a new chapter in the story of your life.

Next year your school's priorities will include seeing how everyone is, supporting them as they re-engage with school life and helping them to make real progress in their learning. We will strive for a new normal with new hope.

In the meantime, thank you once again. May God bless you. I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,



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