

Dear Renishaw

Friday 12th February 2021

I want to start by paying tribute to each and every one of you for courage, resilience, perseverance and determination for all that you have done. Not only over the last six weeks but for nearly twelve long, arduous testing months.

There is no doubting that the thought of having to learn a new skill set is testing, but to have learned to teach Maths, English, Geography, History and all the rest of the curriculum has been some huge feat for some of you and that's not even taking in to consideration the need to navigate yourselves digital concepts...For that and for coming this far... we genuinely salute you all.

A year ago we'd have thought White Rose was at type of flower, Dojo, a martial arts venue and zoom a car at speed. We have all had to adapt, become patient and to find a strength that many of us didn't know that we had. A year in which many of you have experienced first-hand the pain, anguish and loss that this situation has brought to our community and our individual homes and families.

I would also like to thank you for the way in which you are continuing to support the staff and I through what has been probably the most testing and fragmented half term I think I have ever experienced in my twenty-six and a half years teaching career.

Remote learning, snow days, boiler breakages, asbestos removal and twice weekly staff testing are just some of the issues that you have supported us with and we have so appreciated having you with us every step of the way no matter what added pressures these have caused to you and your family. We are so thankful that you have supported the general need to keep all of the children and staff as safe as possible through this period no matter what this has meant for your family and your personal circumstances

To the children in school, you have been terrific! Your behaviour and your understanding and appreciation for the strict rules that you have all had to follow in strange circumstances which you have followed to the letter.

To all of the children that have been at home that we have dearly missed for the last six weeks. We absolutely cannot wait to have you all back in the classrooms with us and get back that buzz that makes our school what it is. I know from talking to the staff that you have battled on throughout. Seeing it in my own daughter, I know how hard and lonely constant home learning is and what pressures it puts on families. I know you need to see your friends and run round a playground and to pretend to laugh at all the terrible jokes and stories that we share with you. We so want to get you all back into class as quickly as possible.

Finally, I'm sure you will join me in include thanking the amazing team of staff we have at Renishaw. I include in that the six tremendous students that have supported our regular team in making sure the remote and in school learning can run as smoothly as possible. They will all be with us throughout the run up to Easter and I know they can't wait to get to know all of the home learning children in person upon their return.

To all the rest of the team who have ensured they have fed the children, produced the hampers, run the office, cleaned the school, staffed freezing lunchtimes and supported a very humbled Headteacher throughout and kept him going with



their hard work and positivity, I say a huge thank you. I couldn't work with a finer team of professionals in a finer community. Like I've said before.... there's only one way to do things and that's The Renishaw Way!

I sincerely hope that you and your family have a safe and dojo / tapestry free half term with plenty of rest and family time. I pray that the infections continue to drop and that the start of next half term starts with the news that we all are hoping for... that our school can reopen safely with ALL children back where they belong. In the classroom. In a nice warm building.

Stay safe, stay strong and stick together.

And remember... We're All Renishaw Aren't We?

Kind regards.

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