



Workshop Priory C of E Primary Academy

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RE: End of the Academic Year

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you at the end of an extraordinary year. Each and every one of us has faced a challenging and unprecedented situation since the lockdown in late March. I want to start by thanking you for your understanding, enthusiasm and support for what the school has done in response to this. We have greatly enjoyed reading your thanks and praise for what we have been able to do for you and your children and we too are thankful for all the hard work you have put in at home to support our online learning platform in particular.

I am very proud that the school has continued to provide on-site and virtual learning of a high quality throughout this time, including during the Easter and Half-term 'holidays', but also maintained a remarkable pastoral support system to all of our families during this time. During the early stages of lockdown and throughout April and much of May - to ensure we could offer a reliable and safe on-site provision - we also forged an excellent relationship with Sparken Hill Academy, who welcomed us to their school to form the initial key worker and vulnerable families hub and we cannot thank Mr Lilley and the staff enough for their help in ensuring this was a great success.

Our engagement with each family has been vastly different, so some of this work may have gone unnoticed and therefore I want to take the opportunity to thank the staff of the school for the incredible commitment they have made over this time. External, well respected professionals have judged our provision to be at the top end of the quality spectrum and some of our work has been shared as good practice across Nottinghamshire. Whilst we were disappointed that the restrictions on space and staffing meant that we could not welcome absolutely everyone back, I believe we have facilitated the return of one of the highest numbers of pupils to school locally, whilst also welcoming them back at the earliest opportunity too. This doesn't simply just happen and the 'desperation' of staff to play their part and make this work has been humbling.

In the coming days, we are looking forward to a short break where we can spend some time with our own families, before we begin again to make sure that the academy is totally ready for the return of all children on Thursday 3rd September. This level of preparedness means that we won't be staggering re-entry days in September, just hitting the ground running and taking on the challenges in the Priory way.

We will remain in uncertain times for some months to come and things can change quickly, so I would ask that you continue to look out for further information from us over the summer via emails/text/school website etc. and urge you to read each communication very carefully.



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I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a lovely, relaxing summer with your family and hope that you are able to keep safe and happy where possible. If you need us during this time, we will try our best to be there for you. The office email address is the best way to contact us and we will respond as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Phil Abbott
Headteacher



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