



Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy

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RE: An open letter to the Worksop Priory Academy Family

Dear parents and carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, we have happy memories of our achievements in school, but an unusually long list of difficult memories too. We end this incredibly challenging year in the same way that we started it – a family, a team, a community full of pride for our school.

Throughout the pandemic, decisions and actions have always intended to place the needs of Priory children first. In supporting our difficult decisions, so many people in our community have pulled together and it has been heart-warming to see. The resilience of the pupils has been remarkable. The way staff have continuously devoted their lives to the school, going above and beyond – has been humbling. The support of parents, carers and governors has been so important in protecting each of the valued members of our school family. Thank you so much.

Many of us have suffered personal loss this year, many more have endured hardship, poor health and feelings of significant anxiety, trauma and exhaustion. To have made it to the end of the academic year will be as equally relieving for some as full of dread for others.

We will continue to monitor the office email address periodically through the holidays if you need any support or advice. Please get in touch if there is anything that you think I can do to help. As one parent put it this week, *'We're so proud to be part of the Priory Family. Thank you for all you do as a school. It is so nice to know that you are always only a phone call [or email] away.'*

Sadly, we have had a number of positive Covid cases in the Y5/6 bubble over the last week and we send our very best wishes to anyone who has been affected by this. Please continue to keep an eye out for symptoms and get a test asap if they occur. NHS Track and Trace may contact you as a result of a positive test or close contact.

Details of the rearranged Y6 Leaver's events on 1st September will be sent as soon as final arrangements are made.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer and would like you to know that you will remain firmly in my thoughts throughout the holidays. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Thursday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Phil Abbott
Headteacher



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