



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We're all back together again and there is a buzz around the school - voices and laughter and people have made it a socially distanced, sociable week back at school. This week we have placed wellbeing at the heart of our activities, alongside talking and listening to help build our picture of where we are all at to begin moving forward in the next chapter of our journey.

We know that this is early days, so please be assured that we will continue to be mindful of how the children are adapting to being back or having everyone back – as both groups have experienced a big change in what they were used to. So to end the week, this letter written by the Well Schools movement to all the children and young people of the UK summarises the things that we have felt vital for our return and shared with the children over this week. Please excuse me for borrowing their words, but it captures our thoughts precisely and is a wonderful message to share with your child in a way that you choose is most appropriate for them:

***“We are incredibly proud of you.***

*This last year has been exceptionally difficult. You have shown incredible resilience and adaptability. You have been selfless and put the needs of others before your own. You have made so many sacrifices and yet faced the challenges with strength and determination. There is much you've lost, including many weeks of your education, but there is much you have gained. You will emerge from this stronger. This may be the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the last. Next time you will find you have more resources and are better prepared (and even more so the time after that).*

***We are here for you.***

*We know some of you will be worried about what the future holds. We want you to know we are here for you. We know you will need a chance to reconnect with your friends. We know you will need time and space to play and be active. We know you are desperate to get back to your sports/music/art/acting and everything else that is so crucial to your development. We know that you are keen to get back to your academic studies in school and college as well. We know that evenings, weekends and holidays are as important as your time at school. We are committed to ensuring that your opportunities are balanced. We will be here to encourage you, support you, challenge and help you every step of the way.*

***You are the future.***

*You are the future and that future is not written. There are challenges but there always have been and always will be: we know we will get through this together. We have complete faith in you. We want you to know that; more than anything. We cannot imagine what you will achieve. But we are so excited to see and be a part of it.*

*Whatever happens next, it will just be another step in your journey.”*



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, with perhaps a treat or two for someone special 😊

Kindest regards, Hayley Adams



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