



5th June 2020

Dear children,

I hope this finds you and your families safe, healthy and well.

Some of you returned to school this week because you may be in the Early Years, Reception class, Year 1 or Year 6, or your parents are key workers and do the jobs that the government needs them to do to keep the country running. Others of you have continued to learn at home where you will have accessed the same or very similar learning as the children at school.

If you have returned to school this week, you may have mixed feelings. Perhaps it wasn't quite what you expected? You may not have had your usual teacher, you may have been in a different classroom – even in a different building! Perhaps you have been in a 'bubble' with children you're not used to being with and you definitely haven't been able to play in the usual way at break and lunch times. It's hard, I know, and very challenging for some of you but remember, your teachers are doing their very best to keep you safe by following guidelines set by the government. If you are learning at home, you may not have had quite the same amount of work sent to you by your teachers, or perhaps the Zoom or Google classroom meetings are fewer. It's hard for you too, but try to understand that if your teachers and support staff are at school, they may not be able to spend quite as long engaging in special time with you, as much as they'd like to.

We want all of you back at school as soon as possible so life can get back to 'normal' – perhaps not the normal that once was, but a better type of normal! We won't be able to welcome you all back yet though – we have to wait a little longer, so we'll all have to be patient for the time being.

In the meantime, keep smiling and stay positive. Make the most of every opportunity, every day and do what you can to be kind to those around you.

Thinking of you with love.

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