



Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

Student News

22nd June 2020

Dear Year 6 Student,

Well I have to say I don't think in the history of proud Headteachers there has ever been a Head teacher more proud of a group of students than me! I am so utterly appreciative and thankful for such an amazing year group. You have led the way in returning to school and or continuing to work so hard at home. You are exceptional in the dedication to your learning, both in school and at home and I am proud of the caring individuals you have become. I feel confident that the future of our country is in safe hands.

For those of you returning to school we have asked you to be leaders, and to care for the staff in the school. We know that while students may catch Covid-19, for many it is unlikely to affect them, but for our older members of staff, the impact of Covid-19 is far greater and more dangerous. Year 6 have been really careful around the school, especially at break and lunch time, to keeping us all safe by following the 2 metre rule. This has helped to create an environment that is cautious, compassionate and in which we still manage to find some fun in learning! A huge well done!

I am now asking those in school to make a further change. In bringing you back, we want to help you feel safe in school, improve your wellbeing and lower your anxiety levels. As well as getting you to work with our specialist teachers on English and Maths and other subjects.

We are now offering this opportunity to Year 5, we are therefore asking you to return to some at home learning on Mondays and Tuesdays and then in school learning on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning on 1st July 2020. These will be your allocated two days in school until the end of term. This will allow Year 5 back into school on Mondays and Tuesdays, so they can experience school life which will help reduce their worries about what September schooling might be like.

We are confident that that you will be able to return to online learning for Maths and Science, MFL and Humanities, where you don't experience this in school, plus any other subjects you really enjoy and again you will be able to complete this learning online and or via a hard copy.

I know that you are caring individuals and while you might be disappointed about losing those days in school, I hope you will understand why we are making these changes.

Stay safe.

Jo Gant
Headteacher