



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Year 6 Pupils

I hope you and your families are well. It was lovely to see so many of you via the Zoom session with Mrs Harrison yesterday. I am sure you enjoyed listening to the story and being able to see your classmates and give them a wave. Mrs Naughton is organising another session for next week.

I am writing to you to remind you that, under normal circumstances, you would have been doing your SATs at the moment. I know that as you entered Year 6, you began to think about SATs and to wonder what they would be like. Since September, the Year 6 staff have worked with you to ensure that you made as much progress as possible, building on all your knowledge and understanding from previous years. You also attended Booster sessions after school to help you develop your technique for answering SATs questions. Some of you may feel relieved that you do not have to complete them this year but others may feel that you have not been given the chance to show what you can do. In past years, all Year 6, after the first morning, have actually found them to be quite fair and as expected. Although, you will not receive any test results this year, your teachers already know whether or not you have achieved the standard expected for the end of primary school and this information will be shared with your parents later this term and also with your prospective secondary schools.

All your hard work was not just in preparation for SATs - as your teachers and teaching assistants have been telling you - it is to prepare you in many ways for your move up to secondary school. It has equipped you with the skills you will need to widen your learning through a range of other subjects. You have developed your ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with others. You have developed resilience and are able to work through challenges. You have built strong relationships with your friends and are learning to become more understanding and tolerant of others. Even if reading, writing and Mathematics are not your strongest subjects, you all have strengths and achievements to be proud of. Some of you have excelled at drama (in Christmas productions and assemblies), at sporting events, often representing the school, as a member of the school choir or playing a musical instrument as well as at other hobbies and interests. You will all go on to develop further at secondary school and find other subjects you will enjoy and do well in. Remember how far you have all come and what you have achieved. Believe in yourselves - with hard work and determination, you can succeed at anything!



Thank you for working hard at home during the school closure period. I know it has not been easy and it really was not something we ever expected to happen. We have missed having you here and all staff hope that we see you in school again soon so that we have the opportunity to support you in understanding what has been happening and to complete transition tasks with you. However, when you do return to school, it will be different to previously and there will be no special assemblies at the end of term, for example, and you will not be able to be close to your friends and classmates - you will not be taught together in one classroom. Your parents will keep you up-to-date with plans for the reopening of schools.

In the meantime, I wish you all the very best for the coming weeks and, of course, for the future.

Keep doing your best!

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