



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parent and carers,

I have never sat staring at a blank page for so long. It is hard to put into words how I am currently feeling and I am sure that this is the same for everyone. The news is full of stories of selfishness and greed, but all I have seen from the families of Churchfields is love and support and I would like to thank you **all** for this.

The keyword seems to be 'unprecedented' and I think we are all in agreement we are in a strange and unusual situation. It is important that love is our overarching wish and the resilience that we **will** come out the other side stronger and wiser. The children have been amazing and an interesting fact is that we have got through an additional 15 litres of soap. The children who have already been self-isolating have sent fantastic pictures of the work they have produced at home and there new work spaces. Please keep me informed through Facebook or email (dbeardsmore@ccsc.staffs.sch.uk) on how the children are getting on as, although we are separated, we are in this together.

As it feels like the end of the school year, can I say a great big thank you to **my staff**. You are amazing and make my job a pleasure. You are my rocks who help to keep me going when I start to flag and I am eternally grateful for this.

To the wonderful parents: you have been so understanding as we have waded through the fact, fiction and ambiguity of the situation and have shown your children how we work together to beat whatever life throws at us.

To year 6: I promise you, we **will be back**, we will celebrate your time here at Churchfields **and** this is not goodbye.

To the rest of the children in school, see this as an adventure and enjoy the time you get to do work from home. Share your learning with us through emails or Facebook, so we can see how you are getting on. I may even record myself doing an assembly, so you will still get to hear my voice. When this is all over we will have a school party and give everyone a hug to welcome them back.

Please keep yourselves safe and look out for each other.

Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher