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Staying connected across NEAT.

Message from Debi Bailey, CEO

Dear Pupils and their Families

I know that many of you are feeling anxious at the moment. Anxious about the learning that has been missed, anxious about being away from school for so long and anxious about what school will look like when you return.



I wanted to take the opportunity this week to reassure you that when everyone returns to school, everything is going to be OK.

Across all of our schools, learning is what we do best. We know that we will be able to provide you with the support and encouragement needed to get back on track. We also know that we will continue to make learning fun - as this is how we all learn best!

Most of our schools have made a video so even if you haven't had a chance to spend time back in school yet, hopefully you have taken the opportunity to see what school looks like at the moment. While there have been some changes, I assure that our schools are still the vibrant, exciting places they always were and once you are all back, we know that they will be an even better place to be!

All schools are busy preparing resources and activities to support your learning over the summer. Please try your best to complete all of the work as your teachers have designed it to help make sure you feel confident when you all return in September.

The last few months have been a very strange time for us all and I can't wait until we are all back together soon. The two poems I have chosen this week hopefully inspire you to keep giving of your best.

Your Best

If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."

Excerpt: "Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain"
By Barbara Vance at SuzieBitner.com

The background of the page is a composite image. The top half shows a dark night sky filled with stars, with the Milky Way galaxy visible as a bright, hazy band of light. The bottom half shows a mountain range with rugged, rocky peaks and some greenery at the base. The text is centered in a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

Education

For some it is a privilege
For others it's a right
The difference between darkness
And a future that is bright

Some will think a burden
Where others see a gift
The key to moving forward
And to give your life a lift

If school is not your calling
Look beyond its doors
The world can be a teacher
Many adventures are in store

As long as you are learning
Your education grows
That will lead to contributions
As you share the things you know