

Newsletter No. 12 – Friday 26 June 2020

Staying connected across NEAT.

Message from Debi Bailey, CEO

Dear Families

It has been another busy week across the trust as all schools are working really hard to ensure that we are ready for September. Schools remain keen to have some kind of contact with **all** families before the summer and we are still trying really hard to achieve this.



The announcement this week regarding the changes to some of the social distancing rules is welcomed by all but understandably we also have families and staff worried that this may be too soon. I really do hope that if we all continue to follow the social distancing guidelines and hand wash regularly then we will continue to gain a broader sense of normality - it certainly has been a long time coming!

I want to particularly focus on school leavers in this week's letter as I feel so sorry for our young people who are leaving in the summer to either move on to secondary school or to further training or employment. The summer term is usually a fantastic time for those students as they celebrate achievements and say their goodbyes. All of our schools are working really hard to ensure that there is some kind of opportunity to say goodbye, although this may well be next term - watch this space.

I want to end this week by again thanking you for the support you have shown to our school community during what has been an incredibly difficult and often stressful time for everyone. All schools really do have children at the heart of everything they do and we can't wait until we can all be together again soon. The poem I have chosen will hopefully help to raise all of our spirits. Take care.

Just Wait For The Sun

By Lisa Marks

When everything's darkness
And you feel so alone,
When the rain doesn't stop
And you can't make it home,
When it feels all is lost
And you just want to run,
It can't rain forever.
Just wait for the sun.

When family is pain,
When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream
But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault,
And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

The storm always passes.
It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good
weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to come.
Please wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

People who need you,
People who still love you
Can warm up your soul like the sunshine above
you.
You're never alone,
No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun.
Just wait for the sun.

Dark clouds always pass.
I promise you, hun.
We're all waiting with you.
Just wait for the sun.

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