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Dear Year 6,

This week will be very different to the week you were expecting; we have not started the morning with our first SATs breakfast, there will be no grammar or spelling paper today and there will be none of the Haribo (or vegetarian) sweets that you had been waiting for all year. Instead we will all remain at home, safe with our families and loved ones, doing our bit to help get to a time when we can all be together again.

We know that for some of you it will be a huge relief that there are no SATs, we know that you do not like the timed environment, and you were not confident showing off how wonderful you are in these situations. You will be happy that this week is completely different.

We also know that for others of you, this is the week you had been working towards all year, the week where you got to showcase how much you had learnt and understood and how fantastically ready you were to take on the next challenge at secondary school. We know that some of you had been working so hard to get to 'expected' or 'greater depth' in our practice tests and were only a few marks away last time and you may be disappointed that you don't have another chance to 'prove' that you would have got there.

We understand that you will feel a range of emotions this week, because we feel them too. We have said to you since September that your dedication and commitment as a year group has been second to none. Every round of practice tests we have given you, you have taken in your stride and produced some of the best results we have ever seen. We are certain that if we were in school this week and you were to sit these tests, that your results would have been the best that the school has had since the 'new' style of tests were introduced in 2016. We are disappointed that you have not had this opportunity to shine and prove us right!

However, this does not change what a fantastic year group you are. It does not change how studious, conscientious and dedicated you have been to your work throughout your time at Giffard Park. It does not change the wonderfully kind, caring and considerate young people that we know and miss. You may not have had the chance to sit your SATs this week, but this does not mean that you will not be remembered as a year group for many, many years to come.

However you are feeling this week is perfectly understandable. You are braver, stronger and more resilient for having gone through this global pandemic during your last year of primary school than you will understand right now. You will look back on this in years to come and marvel at how well you have coped. We are not surprised; we know what amazing young people you are, and we know how incredibly determined you all are when you put your minds to it.

We are proud of you Year 6 and we cannot wait to hopefully see you all again soon.

Mrs Coster, Miss Bowley and Mrs Wiles

