

To all Leeds School Pupils

Executive Member for Economy, Culture
and Education
Director of Children and Families

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Dear Leeds School Pupils,

We wanted to write to you all as we come to the end of another school year that has been incredibly difficult for you all.

We would like to start by thanking you all for adapting so well to all the changes that have been necessary. Whether it has been home schooling, wearing masks on school buses and around school, isolating within your bubbles or the regular lateral flow tests we know most of you have been taking, we are all extremely proud of how well you have handled these changes.

We know that for some of you it has been the disruption to your exams that will have been weighing heavily on your minds and we want to reassure you that we will do everything we can to ensure you are not disadvantaged by what has happened.

Despite the restrictions placed on schools as a result of the pandemic, we know that many of you who are moving schools in September, or going to college, university or work based training, will have had the opportunity to take part in covid-safe transition activities. Although these may have been a little bit different to normal, please be reassured that your new destinations are excited about you starting with them and will be making sure you settle in as quickly as possible. They understand what a move like this is for you and will be there to support you every step of the way.

We are sorry that you have not been able to go to school in the way you would have wanted to during this period. We are also sorry if special end of term events, which give you the opportunity to celebrate your time at school and say goodbye to staff and students, may have had to be postponed or done in a different way.

What we would like now is for you all to take some time over the summer holidays to relax and enjoy yourselves. You have come through a very difficult time and you deserve a proper break.

September is the start of a new school year and, whatever that new term brings, we know that all of you will continue to do your absolute best and carry on making us proud of each and every one of you.

Enjoy your summer and thank you for being so fantastic!

With our very best wishes,



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