



Dear 6A,

I hope you are all well and keeping yourselves busy. No one could have predicted this strange time, but hopefully you and your families are keeping safe.

I am sure you would agree that it feels very peculiar not going to Parkhill Junior School every day. I miss being greeted with your smiley faces and how you often make me laugh with your witty comments. Throughout the year, I think I made it clear how much I enjoyed teaching you all, so I am sad that our year together has been cut short. You are a great class who will go on to achieve great things. Attached to this letter, I have written a poem for you to express how I am missing you individually and cannot wait to see you again.

As you know, the SATs exams have been cancelled which is unfortunate as you all worked so hard and I know some of you were a little upset about this. Nevertheless, remember education is not just about exams. In my opinion, education is about understanding and using values, stimulating intellect, tolerance, being able to pose questions and as long as you are making progress by learning new skills and information and finding things that interest you then no exam can measure that. Therefore, I hope you are spending this time not only completing the work that has been set online, but also learning life skills, focusing on the things that you are grateful for and using this time to develop your personal interests.

I have spoken to many of you over the phone and it was lovely to speak to your parents and yourselves. Hearing your voices put a huge smile on my face and I was pleased to hear you are all feeling well. It was lovely to hear lots of you are keeping in contact with each other as well.

A number of you were very considerate and asked how I had been keeping and how I had been spending my time. I am very well- thank you. You will be pleased to know, you are not the only ones working hard at home. I am too working hard, completing lots of paperwork. Once every few weeks, I am going into school to teach a small group of key workers' children, who are also doing the same work, as you at home. During my spare time, I have been keeping myself busy by working up a sweat with daily online Zumba classes and I am lucky enough to have a forest near where I live, so I have been going on walks in the forest (obviously, following the social distancing rules). At the weekend, I have been trying to perfect my baking skills and experimenting by cooking new dishes. I have also been keeping myself entertained by participating in lots of quizzes with my friends and family.

Remember to stay safe and try to stay positive through this difficult time by focusing on what you are grateful for. I hope you enjoy reading my poem attached to this letter.

Hope to see you soon.

Enjoy Learning.

Miss Abbott

Dear 6A

Dear 6A, I miss you an awful lot,

Unfortunately, our story together has not followed the plot.

Mabroor and Ranvir, I miss your wit,

And loved the way Kyran and Vigan always tried hard and would never quit. Suryanshu and Hiba, I miss your calm way,
And how you would all put a smile on my face every day.

I miss watching Nikita, Estelle and Sara J's dance moves,
They definitely knew how to get into the groove.

I miss receiving Aaiyshah's thoughtful notes,

And reading everyone's Macbeth work that you wrote.

I miss Chloe's energy- you are always full of beans,

And Abirami and Samah's calm and mature nature- by all means.

I miss Jagroop greeting me, 'Good Morning, Miss',

As I sit here this morning and reminisce.

I miss Aariz as he always knew what to say,

And how Evelyn and Zakaria's positivity would get us through the

day. I miss watching your skills, Vidhun and Nevaeh during PE,

And I miss how Aleena and Ibrahim's questions would always impress me.

I miss how Aaron and Ruben would always answer questions and explain,

And I hope to witness Sara K's leadership skills again.

I miss being able to rely on Aaran-Veer to be someone's playground buddy,

And how Aayan would always impress me with his skills in the computer study.

Reading your work Inaaya and Theo, always made me feel proud,

And I was always thankful to Marisa for sharing her great ideas out loud. I miss seeing Saran and Aleeza, whose comments often tickled me,

Conversations with you all often filled me with glee.

I cannot wait to see you all again- very soon I hope,

Just remember to stay safe, positive and grateful- this will help you cope.