



Community College

Friday 1st May

Dear Year 6,

I am writing to you as your prospective Head of Year 7 and to welcome you personally to Stoke Damerel Community College. Although at the moment things are very different, everyone at Stoke Damerel is really looking forward to meeting you and your families as soon as possible.

I recognise that this could be a challenging and upsetting time, but I wanted you to know that you are very much in our thoughts. In 'normal times' we would visit you at your Primary School and you would come up to us for induction days but this year we have needed to change our plans and do things a little differently. However, please be assured that we will do all we can to fully support you and your families during the transition into the next phase of your education. We will simply need to find creative ways to get around some of the barriers; and that we will.

I know that you will have a mixture of feelings at the moment - you might feel excited to have an extra long break from school: you might feel sad that you haven't seen your friends and teachers for a while; and you might be feeling worried about what is happening. It's fine to feel all those things but it's also very important that you talk about it. Never be afraid to admit what you are feeling and always use the best words you can to describe it. You are living through a situation that is affecting people around the whole world. The impact of this is bigger than anyone has ever experienced before and you are living through something that will be remembered long into the future and probably taught in History lessons. Try and remember the whole experience, as one day I'm sure you will tell your children and your grandchildren all about it!

Finally, I end this letter to you where I started, which is to reassure you that you are in our thoughts and that we will be here for you when the College reopens. Depending on how things go, we may still be able to see each before the summer break but the most important thing at the moment is that you stay safe, healthy and that you look after each other.

Yours faithfully,

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