

**FRANK WISE  
SCHOOL**

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Dear Families,

We would like to begin with a heartfelt thank you for the support and patience that you have shown us over the course of the past few months. This really has been an extraordinary situation, but one made so much easier by the fact that throughout this process of change it has always felt as though we had the backing of the school community.

The response from our staff has also been cause for celebration. Despite the understandable concerns we have all had at points through this period of time and, indeed, are likely to have for some time to come, we could not have asked for more from them. They have placed the children at the heart of everything that they have done and continue to do. Schools are often referred to as the glue that holds communities together. Our staff were the glue that held us together as Headteachers, as we navigated this unprecedented challenge.

Of course, we could not make comment about this time without focussing on the children and young people themselves. We have been incredibly impressed by the way in which they have taken so much change and uncertainty in their stride and at school, at least, we have seen little or no negative responses to the necessary changes in classrooms, staff and peer groups. They have made us extremely proud of the way in which they have dealt with such disruption.

Hopefully, the worst is now behind us and, whilst there will undoubtedly be periods of ongoing disruption and adjustment, we are hoping that we can begin the slow journey back to the normality of Frank Wise School as it was before the pandemic. That journey will take time and will need to be guided by the responses of the children themselves as we continue to rebuild expectations around learning and routine. However, as with everything that we do, the children will be at the centre of our decision making.

As we head towards a Summer break that will hopefully allow a little more freedom for you all as restrictions are increasingly relaxed, we also look forward to the children's return in September and the beginning of another new chapter. We will be in touch with you all towards the end of August via the usual text service linking you to information on the school website, following any updates in the government guidance.

Kind regards,



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Joint Headteachers