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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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Headteacher's end of spring term message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to thank you all for your support and patience with the many changes we have had over the past three months. I would especially like to thank all those parents who have engaged with the Lateral Flow testing at home, and those who have taken the time to chat with me and share their compliments and concerns, which help us to make Dorin Park the best it can be.

I would encourage all families to use our Evidence for Learning (EFL) Parent Portal which shows you how your children are learning and developing their skills at school. It is a wonderful resource which will help you gain a fuller understanding of school life. If you can't find the email inviting you to sign up, please let the office know. We would also be very grateful if you would continue to do the Lateral Flow tests at home over Easter (senior pupils only). School staff will continue testing themselves too.

We have a few staffing changes after Easter to share with you. After many years at Dorin Park, both **Avril Sutton** (in the front office) and **Anne Jones** (in Cedar class) are retiring, and we wish them all the best for a long and happy retirement. They will be much missed by our school community.

We will also be saying farewell and thank you to **Jamie Barker** who has taught Willow class this term. Having recently returned from maternity leave, **Steph Williams** will be leading Willow class after Easter, and **Clair Saunders** will return to Ash class for the summer term.

Our site team has been working hard to get our play areas ready for the summer, including significant repairs to pathways and surfacing. We are all excited to start using the new football/basketball pitch and our nurture huts after Easter, and to continue to develop play spaces for all pupils.

Whilst maintaining our 'bubbles' in the summer term, there will be more opportunities for our pupils if national restrictions continue easing, such as outdoor educational visits and the reopening of our swimming pool for some sessions. We will keep you informed about any planned changes. We will also be offering some opportunities for parents to meet up outside in a socially distanced space, so please expect a letter from Maxine with some dates for this.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing all pupils on **April 19th** for the start of the summer term.

Kind regards,
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Headteacher

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