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### **To all of my Sherwood Superstars!**

Dear children,

I am writing this to you all because some of you have already had to miss school because of the virus that is spreading around and your parents and carers have had to keep you at home, as part of keeping everyone safe.

For almost all of you, today will be your last day at school for a long time. When you come back, lots of things will have changed. It won't be spring any more, you might have grown taller or lost a tooth, or you might even come back into the next year group. There might be new teachers and new friends to get to know BUT... lots and lots of things won't change.

Your school grown-ups will carry on thinking about you every single day. We will laugh at the funny things you have done and will wonder if you are still getting better at your handwriting and what you are reading now. We will hope you are doing the very important job you have been given to help stop the spread of the virus and are washing your hands properly! We will carry on planning learning activities for you to do and we will still care about you and wonder how you are. Hopefully you'll think about us too, sometimes.

I want you to know some important things:

- Don't be frightened. You may hear some things that you are worried about, but these are not worries for you. Tell someone you trust about your worry and let them look after it for you.
- The children who are going to be coming back to school on Monday are not more special than you. We are going to be looking after them for a while because their parents are doing some particularly important jobs right now.
- There are some good things happening in amongst the bad things. There is less air travel and as a result, the environment is getting a bit of a rest and who knows, maybe we can work out new and better ways of doing things in the future, because we have had to. People are talking to each other and offering to help each other more. That's a good thing; make sure you do that too whenever you can.
- Even though you will be missing school, you can still learn and try your best at everything you do. You might even learn some new skills to share when we get back.

Today we are saying goodbye to each other for a while; we are all having an adventure and like all adventures, we have to be brave.

Keep in touch. See you all soon.

Miss Worboys x