



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

A very short one from me this week, mainly to say a massive thank you!!! It has been lovely to see your children this week; they have just been amazing. Considering everything they (and you) have coped with over the last year and, more specifically, since Christmas, their positivity and resilience has been unbelievable. So, thank you to them for being amazing and to you for your part in making them so.

Children have also come back looking incredibly smart – I know that this has involved some very quick replacements in some cases, so well done and thank you! The only items which appear to have caused more of an issue have been shoes – a small number of children have returned with black trainers instead of school shoes. We'll be having a bit of a purge after Easter, so please make sure that all children are in proper shoes by then at the latest, and send us a note if your children are needing a uniform card for trainers for the next couple of week to avoid them losing their free time.

Just so that you know, I am intending that we take some photographs around school over the next couple of weeks; not to do anything specific with, but I feel it is our duty to record the current situation and enter the evidence into the school archive for posterity. I think that whoever is the custodian of my office in the future will appreciate this photographic record – the halls set up as testing centres, children and teachers in masks etc. Won't they be astonished!

Much as I enjoy writing to you on a weekly basis, I intend for this to be my last 'weekly' for now as, hopefully, we settle into some relatively normal routines.

So, au revoir for now, and finally a massive thank you to you and the whole of Team GCA – we got through the latest obstacle, will keep our eye firmly on the next, while continuing to move onwards and upwards.

Very best wishes and continue to stay safe,

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Headteacher