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Dear Year 6,

Some of you may have realised that this week was circled in all our calendars because it was supposed to be your SATs week. For some of you, this may be a great relief, for some a disappointment, but either way it is ok to feel a little strange about it if you are. Obviously, you will not be taking your SATs tests at home! Hurray!

As we have always told you at Rackham, we believe that there is so much more to you than what you achieve in a test in one week of your school life. Every day at school we see you accomplish so much, whether it is a social challenge, a physical, emotional or educational one. We know that no matter what happens, you will all go on to achieve wonderful things if you continue to put in lots of hard work, demonstrate your resilience and show determination like you do in the classroom.

Some of you have told us that you are concerned that not taking SATs tests will affect what happens at Secondary school. Please don't worry. We have already begun our conversations with your new teachers to tell them what you can do and will continue to do this up until the moment you leave. We have told you lots of times that we know better than a test what you can do!

Some of you have told us that you are worried about leaving Rackham, and are concerned that you will miss all the celebrations that are traditional at the end of your school life and moving on to Secondary school. Whilst we don't always have the answers about how school will look for you in the coming weeks, we promise you that we are already putting plans in place for lots of the traditional aspects of leaving primary school that you will expect. In whatever form they may take, it won't go uncelebrated, don't worry. Keep a look out for emails or Seesaw announcements after half term for more information.

Take a moment this week to think back over your year. No one was expecting to be spending time learning at home, but regardless of this, you have ALL made lots of progress in everything you've done and you should still feel incredibly proud of yourselves, regardless of not having a test to prove it. We are all very proud of each and every one of you.

Until we see you again, take care.

Mrs Ward, Miss Wakefield and Mrs Pederson

