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To our fantastic Parents and Carers,

So...it has been quite a year to say the least, hasn’t it! Let’s face it, if someone would have said at the start of it that what has happened (and what is still happening!) was going to happen, we’d have told them not to be so ridiculous – that only happens in movies, right!?

Yet here we are.

We wanted to take the final opportunity of this academic year to say thank you so much for all of your support in what has been such a tumultuous time in our history. At times like these we really need to be there for one another and we feel hugely privileged to play a part in maintaining a community of togetherness, kindness and resilience when it has been needed more than ever. We truly cherish the relationships that we have with you all and we apologise for any of our decisions that you may not quite have agreed with. As always, we assure you that every single one of them was taken with your children’s best interests at heart. We cannot wait to start again in September (after a suitable rest, of course!) and crave the day when things return to ‘normal’...whatever that is. Let’s hope that what Boris said about life more or less returning to normal by Christmas is on the money! We’ll be in touch at some point in August with some specifics for the return in September.

And to our wonderful children,

You continue to astound us with the way in which you follow our school values and repeatedly show the positive difference you can make to your own and others’ lives by being more. We know we go on about this quite a bit (well...okay...a lot!), but remembering how much better we can make the world with our kindness, our respect and showing that responsibility and resilience, really can make ourselves and those around us so happy. And you do that. All the time. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we cannot wait to see you back here in September, ready for more learning and lots of fun!

To our Year 6 parents...thank you for all of your support over the past six or seven years. We wish you all the very best for the future. And to our super Year 6 children...best wishes to you all for the exciting future you have in front of you. Do your best to enjoy every minute of it. Because you deserve it.

Take care everyone, stay safe, and you’ve got our emails if you need us.

Many thanks,

***Mr Parker, Mr Doherty and all of your Urmston Primary staff***

***Please note:***

* *School will be open at different times during the summer period, but the easiest way of getting in contact with anything urgent is to contact Mr Parker or Mr Doherty on their email addresses:* [*s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com*](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com) *or* [*m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com*](mailto:m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com)
* *SeeSaw activities will still be available to children during the summer but teachers will not be posting new activities or responding to children’s work.*
* *We received a lovely message from one of our school governors and parent Rev. Stephen Smith, which we would like to share with you. Thank you for the reassuring words and thoughts Stephen.*

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