



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers/Children,

Today we have had to say a sad goodbye to many of you whilst we join with the rest of the country in doing everything possible to fight the coronavirus.

Nobody in our school community has ever experienced such a situation and we are all worried for our families, our community and our futures.

The amazing thing that I have noticed amongst the Woodhall community - children, parents, wider family, staff, governors - is that there are very few people whose primary concern is for themselves. This has brought out the very best in us - we are all working together as a team; supporting our vulnerable members, looking out for each other and keeping our spirits up regardless of how we might be feeling inside. The children have been fantastic throughout the past couple of weeks. Inquisitive, sensible, caring, kind, resilient and always there with their fabulous humour. That is the Woodhall Way!

None of us know what is going to happen over the next few weeks and months. However, **please be assured that at Woodhall, we are here for you whenever you need us, and for whatever you need** (although I can't promise loo rolls!) You have our school phone number and you can email me anytime at head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk. If you have worries, difficulties or even just need a chat, we will be here for you.

My own teaching career started here at Woodhall in 2002 (as a quivering NQT!) and I have never, ever experienced such a strange and worrying situation. The staff here never dreamed that they might be waving goodbye to the children in March, not sure about when we will see everyone again. Everyone here is totally committed to our children and families. We will be thinking of you all over the coming weeks, and we will certainly be keeping in touch.

We wish all the very best to those in our community whose jobs are critical to the COVID-19 response.

Take care everybody, keep well and stay in touch.

With love,

Miss Lake.