

Dear pupils

You will, no doubt, be receiving a lot of information on Lateral Flow Testing, Face Masks, GCSEs and plans for all schools to fully reopen from Monday 8th March. I just wanted to write to you about a couple of things before you come in next week.

Lockdown

We recognise that there will be a number of pupils in our community who are anxious for a variety of reasons, but especially about what the future holds for them. All the talk of 'catch-up' and 'lost learning' could be raising your concerns but your future is not written yet; there will be some challenges to face but we will be there to help you every step of the way and we will get through these struggles and worries together. I want you to know that our staff are here for you and we are really looking forward to seeing you all back in Chaselea. We know you will need time to adjust again, connect up with friends and enjoy some social time during breaks and lunch. Over the last few months, once again, you have reflected our motto of Engage, Perform, Achieve. You have continued to dream big, work hard and persevere. We believe in you - you can do this. We know what you can achieve and we are so excited to be part of it. I wanted you to know that.

We are proud of you

The last 12 months have been incredibly difficult for you. However, you have shown us once again how resilient, adaptable and tenacious you are. There has been a focus in the media of what you have lost which is frustrating since you have also taken opportunities to learn new things, develop independent skills and become adept at managing online learning. Although it's hard to believe right now, you will emerge the stronger for it and in time you will see this come true. This is the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the only one and the situation we have faced has made us better prepared for future challenges in life.

I just wanted to say how proud I am of you and that all the staff here at Chaselea are really looking forward to seeing you next week!*

Yours faithfully

Paul Archer
Headteacher

*Those pupils whose education is provided by an alternative provider will follow their specific arrangements for returning. Also, pupils who are currently on a managed move to a mainstream setting will follow their arrangements for returning to school.

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