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As we reach the last day of term, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. And what a bizarre term it's been. As we keep hearing in the media at the moment, none of us have ever experienced such upheaval and uncertainty in our lifetime and I truly hope that we are through the worst of it.

Whilst I am always very appreciative of the support you give to your children in their education and to us at the school, I really cannot express my gratitude to you enough today. The challenges around coping with the upheaval to your normal daily lives during the pandemic are difficult enough, but to then add the responsibility of managing your child's education is almost unthinkable. The way in which you have done this over these months has been nothing short of remarkable.

I hope that we have lessened some of the anxiety around home schooling. Every member of my staff has fully risen to the challenge of adapting to a completely new way of teaching, many of them whilst managing their own children's work and family circumstances. I've had a few very entertaining online meetings where small children and pets have decided to join the meeting and in some cases try to take over! My heartfelt thanks go to every member of my staff for the level of dedication, compassion and support that they have shown throughout the lock down period and I have never been prouder to lead them.

Our students are always at the heart of what we do at Deans and they have once again made us very proud in how they have adapted to the change in their daily circumstances. The resilience they have developed and displayed will undoubtedly make them stronger and better equipped to lead successful lives and all of us are very much looking forward to seeing them in school once again.

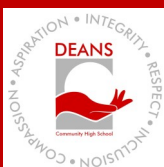
As you will have seen from the letters from West Lothian Council, the situation has changed a number of times in just the past few weeks and they will continue to update you over the summer as and when there are further developments. Whilst we take our lead from them in the information we send to you, please be assured that we have been and are continuing to work in the background on preparing for the new term. We will be sending further information to you nearer the time around information specific to Deans such as timetables etc.

There are a number of supports available to families from West Lothian Council throughout the summer such as free school meals and information on these can be found on their website.

I sincerely hope that each and every one of you have a chance to enjoy the summer in whatever form that comes and look forward to working with you and your children again in the new term.

Please stay safe and take care.

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Head Teacher



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