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Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to write to you all as the summer term begins while schools in Wandsworth are still closed for most pupils. We would like to thank you, as parents and carers, for supporting education at home. We recognise that for each of you this will represent its own challenges, but by doing our bit and staying at home, we are saving lives.

We would also like to emphasise how proud we are of the schools in Wandsworth for rising to the numerous challenges set before them in such a short space of time. Not only are they operating in a significantly different way, but they are also still open so that they can support some of the most vulnerable children in the borough and the children of some key workers who are unable to keep their children at home.

For those who were due to sit their GCSEs or A levels this summer it will be an understandably different experience on results day this year. We will work closely with schools when further guidance is available to find out how pupils may undertake examinations at a later date if they wish. In light of the uncertainty of when schools will be able to open again, and in recognition of how busy schools are likely to be in September, we have decided to postpone this year's Wandsworth Year 6 admissions test from September to early December. This will not impact the usual admissions timeline or process.

We are mindful of the different challenges being faced by families of children with special educational needs and disabilities at the moment. We encourage these families to look at our local offer website which sets out our offer to families during this time, as well as links to helpful information and resources:

<https://thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/advice.page?id=wRWe4fZ0AXw>

Please pass on our thanks to your children for being so adaptive and patient during this period of change and uncertainty. We hope that you and your families are staying safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Will Sweet
Cabinet Member for Children's Services

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Director of Children's Services