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Dear Parents of Year 6,

I hope you are all well. As we are all aware then end of this year is going to look very different for our Year 6 group. As large gatherings of people not possible at this time we are unable to have a service or special assembly. This doesn't mean that we are not going to miss them and that we don't want to organise some memorable ways to end their time at Longstone School, so Mr Raybould and I have been thinking about how best to make this happen

One of these ways is to make a film for the children, which we will send to you shortly before we break up. Part of the film will feature interviews with the children. It would be wonderful for all children to take part if they can. We ask that parents conduct the interview at home in a quiet spot with the camera just on the child's head (shoulders up). The questions that we would like the children to answer are:

1. What was your proudest moment at school?
2. What responsibilities have you had at school?
3. What is your memory of your first day at Longstone?
4. Which piece of work or school-related achievement are you most proud of?
5. What would you say is the best thing about you?
6. What will you miss most about Longstone School?

In the usual Leaver's Service, all children contribute, whether that be through music, poetry, dance, prayers etc. We would like to invite the children to contribute a short video of them entertaining the audience in some way. This could be a special skill or party piece. Some ideas might include playing a piece on a musical instrument, singing a song (less than 90 seconds) limbo-dancing(!), keepy-uppy, writing and performing a poem, telling jokes, tik tok routine – the list is endless. We would like just one video entry for each child please.

**We would like these videos to be submitted to Mr Raybould by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July please.**

Another way is to give each child will receive a bag of 'goodies'. The children attending school will be given these on the last day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is not attending school, you will be able to collect your child's bag on the same day from the entrance hall. If you are unable to do this, please let the school office know and we will arrange for this to be dropped off at your house.

Usually the Year 6 children enjoy having their shirt signed on the last day which is obviously not an option this year. Instead, a white T-shirt can be sent into school (for all children) on the last Monday (13<sup>th</sup>) and we will organise for all the staff and children who are in school to sign the shirts over the course of the week and we will pop it into their goodie bag (in a plastic bag in order to avoid contamination).

In terms of transition, the children in school are working through the booklets sent by Lady Manners School; most of which will be completed in the last week. We have been told by Lady Manners that a member of their staff will be appearing via a videolink to answer questions, but details have not yet been clarified. We are hoping to be able to film the Lady Manners staff member so that this can be shared with the children not attending. No filming or recording of children will occur.

While the end of year is not what the children had hoped for, we endeavour to still make it special and memorable.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs G. Harvey & Mr T. Raybould