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Dear Snowy Owls,

It goes without saying that this has been the most remarkable year we've ever had in school. I know that in some ways you will feel like you've missed out on a lot by not having this final time in school; believe me, we feel the same. But let's look at the positives – and there really are so many positives. While you've been at Greenlands, you have been on the most remarkable journey and we've been lucky enough to watch you develop in so many ways. Some of you are outstanding sportspeople and others are incredible artists; some are talented musicians and others are confident public speakers. Even in this last four months, the experiences you've had have shaped you, and they'll go on shaping you forever. You will *always* remember the year you went into lockdown at the end of primary school.

As you take your next steps, all of us here at Greenlands hope that you will continue working hard at maths, reading and writing, but please do remember that life is about so much more than just those things. You all have talents and interests that make you the wonderful individuals you are and it's vital that you hold onto those and nurture them, because the world needs adults with all sorts of different skills.

You're the first set of year sixes in over 20 years not to do SATs tests. Most of you will have been delighted about this! I know that some of you also felt like you'd missed a chance to show how brilliant you are, but please don't worry. Tests can measure a lot of things, but they can't tell whether you are enthusiastic, creative, resilient or enterprising, or whether you aim high or work well in a team. I have no doubt that your SATs results would've been great, but it takes more than some numbers on a piece of paper to tell you how special you are.

This isn't a final goodbye, because we'll be inviting you back for a proper send-off as soon as we get the chance. Until then, though, keep safe, be happy and have a brilliant summer.

Well done, Snowy Owls. You are fantastic.

Mr A Wirth  
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