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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of another school year and what a year it has been. There have certainly been many ups and downs throughout the year but once again our schools have excelled in ensuring that our children have continued to have great support in school and often beyond.

I am sure you would want me to say a massive thank you to all our schools for their continued dedication and support to all our children and their families. I know from talking to others outside Sefton, that staff often go above and beyond. It is safe to say that they could not do that without the continued partnership with you as parents and carers in working together for your children. A big thank you to you for continuing through everything, to support our schools in helping your children.

When I visit schools, it is wonderful to talk to the children to hear about their learning and enjoyment in school. It is lovely to see how much all of the children enjoy being in school and are always so eager to share their learning with me.

We can all be very proud of our children especially given all they have been through over the last few years. They show in many ways how resilient they are in coping with everything. This year exams have been reintroduced and I know that has been an added pressure for everyone given the learning that has been missed. However, everyone has worked together to support the children as they have undertaken tests and exams and ensured that this has had the least impact on children possible.

This year nationally there has been several issues regarding schools receiving the correct test results for their Year 6 pupils. This has caused stress to our school leaders and also to yourselves as parents and carers. Some results are still being communicated to schools and this may have led to a delay in your school informing you of the test results for your child in the annual report. We share these frustrations with schools and yourselves and please be assured that we have communicated with the Standards and Testing Agency regarding this.

As always, we want the best for our children and that includes supporting them to attend school. In September there are new guidelines for ensuring that children attend school and the support given by schools and local authorities to families. We know that the pandemic has left many children and families still feeling vulnerable and concerned however it is important that we all work together to bring the children back into schools. If you do have any concerns, then please do talk to someone to get the right support.

Please see the link to the activities that are available for the children during the summer holidays.

It just remains to say that we hope you and your families all have a wonderful break over the summer and that whatever you do you have a great time.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/media/5472/be-active-guide-summer-2022-102.pdf>



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