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To: Church of England schools and academies in the Diocese of Hereford

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last four months of Covid-19 measures have been extraordinary but torrid for all our children and young people in schools, throughout the Diocese of Hereford.

We know that these months have been extremely difficult for school communities, as well as for schools themselves.

Our schools are precious, inspiring places, which nurture our children and enable them to succeed and to live a life in all its fullness. They have done an incredible job in facing a challenge, the like of which we have not seen in this country for generations.

We wanted to express our sincere and public thanks to your school staff and governors, for all of the determination and love it has shown in supporting your children, throughout this unprecedented academic year, especially in recent months. We also want to thank you, for the part you have played in supporting this complex and difficult work.

We are especially mindful of those children and young people whose time at school or college has come to an abrupt end; in an unexpected way...Please know that God will always be with you, as you continue your journey.

As far as is possible, we hope and pray for a restorative summer, which resets our education system and prepares us all to begin afresh, at the start of a new academic year.

Blessings and best wishes to you all,

**The Rt. Revd Richard Jackson - Bishop of Hereford**

**Mr Stephen Borthwick - Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education**

**Canon Andrew Teale - Diocesan Director of Education**