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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope that this find you well, and hopefully looking forward to the Summer Break. This has certainly been an unusual and eventful year, and I want to thank you for your support throughout the many twists and turns. I must also thank our magnificent staff team, all of whom have coped so well with the demands of lockdown and remote learning, having to work in 'bubbles' and then dealing with COVID outbreaks on occasions. Throughout it all the school staff have remained focused on meeting the needs of our students.

As is always the case at this time of year, we have some staff leaving Deptford Green:

- Ms Goredema
- Mr Sawyer
- Mr Rew
- Mr Glyn
- Mr Manfredi
- Mr Unia
- Mr Moore

All of them, whether for one year like Ms Goredema, or for 14 years, like Mr Moore, have worked tirelessly on behalf of the school community and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well as they move on to new things.

The school is fully staffed for the new year, and I am sure that Ms Thurston will be writing to you in September to introduce new members of the team.

The final days of the term have not turned out as we planned, with Year Group bubbles having to self-isolate. However, we will have final assemblies online that I hope your child will attend. **Please note that Year 10 are due back in school tomorrow, 20th July. Year 9 end their period of self-isolation on 22nd July.**

Although we do have a number of staff who are either unwell with COVID, or having to self-isolate, we are in school all week, and I know that staff are using their time to plan for September. To support the best possible start to the year can I ask you to get your child to use a Lateral Flow Test every day from 27th August, by doing so we can avoid anyone coming into school carrying the virus at the start of the year. You can come and collect a box of tests from the school reception during this week.

This will be my final letter to you. It has been a privilege to have been Headteacher of this school. We have fantastic students who have immense potential, and I wish them all happiness and fulfilment in whatever they choose to do in the future.

I must thank the staff team who have worked tirelessly to keep the school moving forward and improving, even under the most challenging of circumstances. We have a great mix of very long





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serving staff, alongside some great new additions to the team. One thing they all have in common is a genuine love of the school and desire to do the best for our students.

I must thank you, our parents and carers. I have appreciated your commitment to Deptford Green School and have appreciated your involvement in helping us to do the best job we can for your children.

Finally, I want to wish Ms Thurston every success in her new role as Headteacher. Having met her, I know that she is going to bring great drive and energy to the school, and will lead Deptford Green successfully through the next phase of its development.

With best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Phillips'.

Mark Phillips

