



Children in Church of England Schools
Manchester Diocese

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Dear Children in Church of England schools across the Diocese of Manchester,

I wanted to write to say how proud I am of you all and the way you have been in school since coming back in September. It has been great to hear how well you are all managing in your bubbles and how much effort you are putting into your work.

I have loved hearing how you are managing to share Collective Worship together as a school whilst remaining in your classrooms. You are certainly much better with IT than I was at your age. Your Head Teachers tell me you have been brilliant and some of you have even had to cope with bubbles bursting and having to stay at home for two whole weeks.

It has been great to hear how you have enjoyed being back in school and being able to see your teachers and friends again. 2020 has been a very strange one for us all but I know adults have been helped by how children have adapted so well. I have really missed being able to get out and about visiting lots of schools and see you all at work and play. That's the best bit of my job.

As we come to nearly the end of the term I wanted to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray you have a great final week of term in school with tons of fun and laughter. I also pray that you enjoy a lovely Christmas holiday with loved ones around you and that you will come back to school in January ready for all 2021 may bring.

Take care,

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