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Dear Hackney pupil,

I am writing to express how much I appreciate you and all you are doing in school.

This year, 2020, has been very different from other years. The pandemic has changed the way we live and work and learn and some of you may have had family members affected by COVID. I am very appreciative of the determination Hackney pupils have shown in continuing with their learning and studying, whether at school or at home. I am also pleased but not surprised by the stories of how you are supporting each other, your families and the community. Well done.

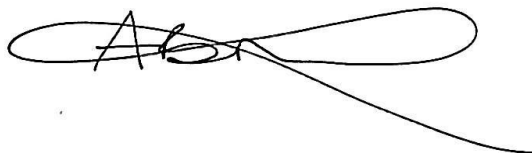
The cases of coronavirus are still high in all areas of the country so it is important to still be careful. Please follow the instructions about hands, face, space and all other guidance. It really makes a difference in slowing the spread of coronavirus when everyone does this.

Keep up all the good work, have a good break and I look forward to the future when I can come and spend time with you in school.

If you want to find out about what is available to you, you can have a look at the [Young Hackney](http://www.younghackney.org/) website (www.younghackney.org/). Parents reading this letter with your children, you can find more information here (<https://hackney.gov.uk/coronavirus-ask-for-help>).

I wish you Merry Christmas or a Happy holiday.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anntoinette Bramble', with a long, sweeping underline.

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