



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that many of you are aware that on Wednesday of this week it is Thank a Teacher day. I think it might be a lovely opportunity for our children to just take a moment to thank some of the amazing staff that we have at South Dartmoor. It could be a tutor who is going the extra mile, a class teacher who inspires them or maybe their Head of House for doing everything that they do.

From the first day I arrived at South Dartmoor the staff have been and continue to be an amazing group of people. The situation we now find ourselves in seems, if anything, to have brought us even closer together as a team and as much as I thank them very regularly for everything they do it would be lovely if they were to get some recognition from the students. I also know that a thank you from them would mean much more!

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Thank you in advance for those of you who take the time to join in.

In other news, the advice we are getting from the Government seems to be changing on an almost daily basis with regard to the re-opening of schools. I am working very closely with WeST to ensure that we are all pulling in the same direction. As a group of staff we obviously want things to get back to normal as soon as possible but as and when we do re-open we must plan for it carefully so as not to compromise the safety of you as parents, our students or our staff in any way. At this stage it will almost certainly be Year 10 and 12 students who we get to see first and this could be individually or in small groups initially.

I assure you that as soon as the guidance becomes clearer I will be sharing our plans with you at the earliest possible opportunity. As parents, at this stage, you also have the right not to send your children back to school until you feel it is safe for them to do so.

In the meantime, I hope that our communication with you has been clear and I would urge you once again not to hesitate in contacting us at school with any questions you have or issues that you wish to raise and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind regards

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