



CENTRE ACADEMY EAST ANGLIA

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Dear Parents,

This is just a (relatively!) quick letter to thank you all for the support you gave your children and the school during the past many weeks. That support has been very much in evidence as our student body has returned in good spirits and apparently pleased to be back.

Based on nothing more scientific than comments between teachers, tutors and students, it does seem that our students are especially happy to be engaging in direct education with a live teacher! There have been very few complaints about the remote learning programme, but many students have said that they found it challenging and not nearly as “good” as having a “real, live teacher” in the front!

As you may know, surveys conducted by a variety of unions, organisations and the DfE have indicated that an exceptionally high number of children around the country have lost a “significant amount of learning”—sometimes the figure is put at a year or more. We do not believe such figures are remotely relevant to CAEA; however, that said, all of our teachers are taking steps to evaluate what may have been lost and, of course, to address this challenge.

We are now back in full swing—almost! Attendance during the first week back has been, as usual, very strong, students are keeping up with homework and related assignments, smiles abound—and perhaps the best barometer of all, appetites at lunch are, to be charitable, robust!

We are meanwhile very much looking forward to the final challenges for our students who are finishing the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme/Award, and a number of class-based projects are also well underway. As you will recall, during the Summer Term we have been especially pleased to offer swimming and horseback riding as additional activities. At this point, however, safety-related concerns are holding up our participation in these activities. We do hope to have resolution reasonably soon, but at this point we cannot go forward with either activity.

Again, our thanks for all your efforts in supporting your children and the school.

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