



LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

HONESTY CREATIVITY RESPECT CARE

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Dear x,

Over the last few weeks and months all of us know how hard you have worked in preparation for SATs next week. I know you will want to do your best.

When you were born, no-one looked at you and said 'all I want for my lovely baby is to meet expectations at the end of Year Six', because that would be strange. The big things your parents hope for, like positive beliefs, attitudes and values, form your personality and what we all really hope for is that you feel ready for the next part of your academic journey, then for your actual career when the time is right.

At the moment I know you have done a lot of English and Maths, but you also have lots of other skills. You may be an incredible skate-boarder; dancer; footballer; chess-player; but SATs does not test those things. You might love to chat, problem-solve, or dream big dreams. Unfortunately, SATs do not reflect those either. You might have taught someone else how to use an app, or looked after a sick pet, or supported a family member in some way. You might be really good at mending things (or taking them apart), or cheering someone up. These qualities are as important as SATs which don't measure your love of Science, Sport, or Creative subjects. I want you to remember how brilliant you are at whatever you are brilliant at. If you need help thinking of something, come and find me.

I know you will want to show your best. I want you to think of SATs as 'something I have to do, but not the most important event in my life'. Schools have targets, given by government, who also have to meet targets; those targets are then given to teachers. It's like a long chain reaction and the person at the very end of the targets is you.

We don't want to focus on SATs because we do not want to lose sight of who you are, but we do need to meet targets. Try your hardest and we will be so proud of you whatever the outcome for you. Early nights and a healthy breakfast every day next week please!

Best wishes and good luck,

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