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To all members of our school communities

As this unique academic year draws to a close, and we hopefully slowly emerge from this pandemic, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our schools for the hard work, commitment and ministry that has been present throughout these months.

Our school communities have been at the front line in caring for children whose parents were key workers as well other children with particular needs and now with the readmission of certain year groups. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of all staff, our schools have continued to provide a caring and reassuring environment.

I recognise the great work that has taken place throughout this crisis and the organisational skill it has taken by our school leaders in making it possible. Caretakers and cleaners, cooks and supervisors, teachers and assistants, heads and administrators, parents and governors - our schools have risen to the challenge with their usual generosity and imagination and every member of the school community has played an essential part.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone involved in making our schools what they are and I am incredibly proud of all that you have achieved. This Monday, 13th July, at 12.05pm I shall offer the live streamed Mass at the Cathedral for all our schools.

I hope and pray that you manage to find some rest with your families over the summer holidays after a very strange and challenging year. It is a rest I'm sure you need and a rest you utterly deserve.

May God bless you all.

With every good wish and blessing

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