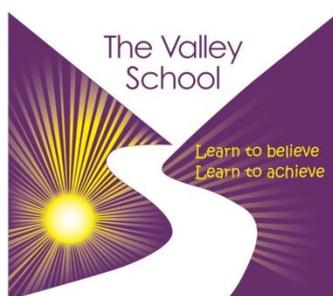


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Dear Valley School Pupil,

## YOU ARE OFFICIALLY A SUPER HERO!

I have written to your parents and carers so many times over the last year that they are probably fed up with so many letters. This letter is not for them, it is for you. I just need them to help you to read it all.

In the future, people will look back at this last year and reflect on what a mad time we have lived through, because you are making history. You are the first ever group of young people who have had to learn very quickly how to do school in a completely new way. You are the first ever to teach the adults in your family how to use technology to bridge the gap between school and home.

You are the first ever to have to follow a completely different set of rules within school, with no warning and no preparation. You are the first ever to face this level of anxiety and lack of control, and you have coped brilliantly.

You have done it! You have achieved the impossible! You are part of history and you are a real-life Super Hero.

Some people think you have missed out, and you have, in some ways. But what you are going through will leave you stronger and more resilient. You will face things in your future with more strength, more confidence and more humour, because you know how to get through tough days.

You have asked me, so many times, when life will get back to normal. I still don't know the answer, but I think we are close to the time when we will all be back in school and able to relax some of the rules. I hope that, by the summer term, things will feel a bit more normal.

Carry on being a Super Hero for a bit longer, please. I will be back in school after half-term and I will get to join you for some of your learning, whether you are in the classroom or at home.

I am so proud of you. I am writing to you to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being amazing.

A great big, virtual Valley Hug to every one of you.

*Corina Foster*

