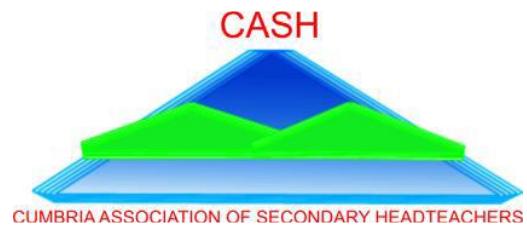


## Cumbria County Council

25 September 2020



Dear colleague,

We want to say thank you.

Over the last six months, nationally and closer to home, our education system has undergone more upheaval and challenge than it has experienced over the previous fifty years or more.

Our collective approach and impact in Cumbria, from Hub Schools in March, to remote learning, to wider reopening in June, to the start of term this September, and the tight monitoring of the situation in county by our Outbreak Control Team, has been excellent.

The strength of the Cumbrian education system, and the quality of the support provided to our children and families, is the result of a colossal team effort, with everyone pulling together. It's for this reason that we wanted to write to you all directly, to say thank you personally for your effort, dedication and hard work, day in day out, to keep schools open, and to keep our young people learning and making progress. We will, no doubt, be tested further over the coming weeks and months, and we will continue to work alongside you all to ensure that you, our pupils and their families are happy and safe.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,



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