

Via Email: All Teachers in Warrington Schools



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To all teachers in Warrington's schools,

Today is National Thank a Teacher Day and given the current challenges facing the profession I thought I'd take this opportunity to write to you.

You may be aware that in addition to my role within the Council, I am also a secondary science teacher. Like you, I have spent a great deal of time over the past eight to nine weeks developing and delivering remote learning opportunities for my classes, supporting groups and individuals when things get tough, racking my brain over estimated grades and rank orders... the list goes on and on.

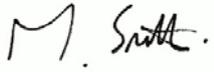
I am immensely proud of what has been achieved in Warrington's schools in this time. The word unprecedented has been used extensively since the pandemic began, but there are few professions that have faced an upheaval of the scale seen in teaching. You have had to adapt almost overnight to fundamental changes at the core of your working methods and you have risen to this challenge admirably. You fully deserve recognition for your endeavours during this period.

Our schools have collaborated when required and there have been examples of imaginative and inspiring learning opportunities for children at home. Many of you have been in school supporting our vulnerable children and those of critical workers. Having both of these groups in school and safe has been an essential part of the town's approach to the pandemic. Teachers have gone above and beyond the usual expectations with their support of children, not just in term time but over the Easter holidays too.

As I reflect on what has been happening in our town, what has been achieved to date and what will happen between now and the summer, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the work you have done to support our children at this demanding time.

Thank you on behalf of myself, the Council's elected members and officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Clr. Matt Smith
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