



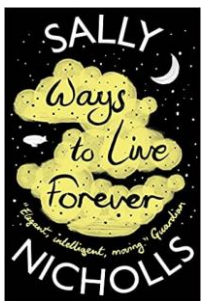
To the wonderful children in 5D,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the spring sunshine. I think about you often and wonder what you're doing with your time. Are you drawing or baking; running or reading; helping at home or pestering your parents? Whatever it is, **I hope that you're keeping your minds and bodies active:** you've made such brilliant progress this year and I want you to maintain it.

I know that we've only been apart for two weeks but I miss you all already. Although teaching is tough, it is wonderfully rewarding and the days go much more slowly without 31 children to care for. **I miss your silly jokes, your laughter and the random acts of kindness that you show to one another.** I might blame you for a few of my grey hairs but you're also responsible for my laughter lines. 😊



Without all your work to mark, I have a little more free time than I'm used to and I've been spending it in the garden. There are birds nesting in the ivy



and the first spring flowers are appearing. I've also started to sew again and I am reading lots and lots of books. I've just finished one by Sally Nicholls. It's called *Ways to Live Forever* and it's an extraordinary story of sadness and hope, bravery and resignation. It's made me cry a few times but I've laughed as well. You might enjoy it too though the medical bits might make you squirm. 🐛

Since Highfield closed its doors, I have been in on one occasion and found it to be a strange and empty place without you. I had a class of five and we made sherbet together. It was sweet and sour and totally delicious. Maria will be able to tell you all about it.

I hope that you have settled into your new routines and are managing to stay in touch with one another. Try to wake up at a sensible time, try to get some fresh air and please don't vegetate in front of the television. **These are uncertain times but they are also an opportunity to do the things that interest you and to grow in independence.** Remember that the pandemic will pass and life will return to normal. In the meantime, **be kind to yourselves and look after the people that you love.** Should you need me, I'm only an email away. Happy Easter.

With love and best wishes,

Ms Daniels. xxx

