Dear Colleague,

***Bradford Schools Linking 2020-2021***

We hope that you are well. We have been so pleased to work with you this year on linking and were sorry the end of the year had to be interrupted by Covid-19 but glad your children had the opportunity to meet and learn together before lockdown. Thank you so much for all you did for linking this year.

We are writing to let you know that Schools Linking will still be happening in the next academic year 2020-2021. It will be a virtual Schools Linking programme which will be engaging and enjoyable and will build a sense of togetherness. We are clear that this programme must be manageable for teachers so all suggested activities will be fully resourced by The Linking Network and tailored to the current context.

In place of the neutral venue visit we will provide a range of shared digital learning experiences including storytellers, drama performances and virtual visits for your pupils. Pairs of classes will still be able to connect and learn from one another by exchanging work as usual. CPD this year will be virtual for all linking teachers.

There will be no cost to schools to access this Linking Programme and the Linking Network team will be available to support your teachers.

**Please can you let us know if you wish to continue to take part in the Schools Linking Programme by completing the form below**. It may be that you and your link partner will choose to delay your start date until later in the year or that you will run a very slim programme next year all dependent on the circumstances as the year unfolds. This can all be decided in the Autumn Term.

Your thoughts are always valuable to us and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

 Kind regards,

 Jean Whitaker, Nahida Nazir and Linda Cowie

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| *Please return by email to jean.whitaker@thelinkingnetwork.org.uk* |
| Name of School    We would like to continue Linking in 2020-2021    *We can discuss start dates that work for both schools eg Autumn or Spring term start*  *The programme will be manageable for teachers with all resources provided.* |