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The children played and danced to music in the playground



Children walked up to red carpet before heading into their classrooms

Head teacher Claire Hodgson said she thinks children should be applauded for "conquering" the lockdown and that people are doing them a disservice by labelling them "victims" of the pandemic.