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Dear Colleagues

Who would have thought that four weeks ago we would be in the situation we currently find ourselves? These extraordinary times have demanded extraordinary measures. We have been both delighted and humbled by the incredible efforts you are all making. Our students, our staff, our parents and our wider communities are getting fantastic support.

In such worrying times, it is not at all a surprise that our Trust has come together and all schools are working to help each other to get through the challenging times ahead. There is active support in place, particularly for the most vulnerable, across the Trust. We are collectively working with our local communities and already becoming a key resource supporting those in greater need with learning, advice, resources and time. This role will no doubt change and develop over the next weeks and we are very confident you will adapt and change as necessary.

This is a new way of working for us, and we are working hard to inspire and support our pupils in different ways. We have every confidence in the many talented and incredibly caring people across our Trust who have come together so that we can continue to care for and educate our pupils during these challenging times.

We wish to take this opportunity to reiterate just how grateful we are to colleagues across the Trust for showing selfless dedication to our pupils, to each other and to the communities we serve.

We fully understand and share your feelings of concern and anxiety. There is no doubt that we may have some very difficult times ahead, but we would also like to reassure you that we will continue to support you no matter the circumstances.

Please do try over the Easter holiday to have some downtime, relax and take great care of yourselves and your families.

Thank you once again for all you have done and are doing to support our students, staff, parents and wider communities.

Yours sincerely

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