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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your tremendous support and praise. It has been humbling, inspirational and terrifically helpful in working with our students, both in school and at home.

Staff have shown extraordinary flexibility, pragmatism and creativity in preparing curriculum materials and learning activities for our students. Your continued participation in this process is greatly appreciated. Indeed, it has been a privilege to watch many of you getting involved and displaying remarkable talents. Please, if you have not done so already, have a look at our school and Trust twitter accounts, there is so much to see, hear and celebrate. Certainly, the great toilet roll challenge that made Anglia News and the latest Harry Potter readings are not to be missed.

As school staff rightly take their place next to NHS staff and other critical workers, as central to the country's efforts in fighting the COVID-19 virus, many have joined you in thanking and complimenting them. Perhaps the biggest compliment was paid by the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson when he said:

'You are the reason critical workers across the country can continue to deliver the crucial frontline services that are central to our national effort to tackle COVID-19'.

There is still much to do. Over the days and weeks ahead you will continue to receive information about your children's education. Please continue to support, provide feedback and get involved. Of course, these are difficult times, impacting on each of us in a myriad of different ways. Nonetheless, at such times there is always light. We are seeing more acts of kindness, volunteers, appreciation of NHS staff, solidarity with other nations and so much more. As parents, they do offer a rare opportunity to share the joy of learning with your children. And maybe, when this is all over, a huge benefit will be that you consider joining this wonderful vocation?

I wish you all a relaxing, nourishing and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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