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**From:** Kelly G, Mr <G.Kelly@wadedeacontrust.co.uk>  
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**To:** All Staff  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon colleagues,

This is an exceptional period in our lives and for the education sector as a whole. On a daily basis, we're experiencing far-reaching effects as individuals, for our families and in the work we all do as part of our Trust.

I can't thank you enough for the way you've all responded. Across the Trust, you've been remarkable in dealing with adversity and continue going above and beyond to adapt. I also want to thank you all for your collective input in making decisions and providing solutions. None of us have all the answers but collectively we have maintained our offer and support for pupils and their families and particularly for those who need us most.

During this exceptional period, it is essential that we take care of ourselves, each other and our families. The health and well-being of our pupils and Trust colleagues must be at the forefront of all we do and we know our principals take this into account in making sure we all stay as safe as possible. We will continue to do everything we can to make sure you can be at home whenever possible, either working when you can, as part of periods of isolation or in caring for your families. When working from home or in small numbers in school, we are all working through new challenges - considering factors such as workspace, communication and self-care. If you are struggling to adjust to these circumstances and the government instructions of social distancing and isolating, it is important to look after your mental health and well-being. You may find the support and guidance on the Trust website helpful: <https://www.wadedeacontrust.com/trust-information/coronavirus-staff/>

Going forward, there will be uncertainty and further unforeseen challenges. Given the way you have responded so far, through the way you care, through your resilience and your ability to adapt, we are well placed to deal with whatever comes our way. Everyone has a role to play, and this includes taking the necessary steps to protect ourselves and people around us. Things will get



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better and we will come through this period, no matter how long it lasts. I firmly believe that as a sector and as a Trust, we will have learned many things and be better placed because of it.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates as we move forward. Myself, our principals and the central team will be available should you need us or have any questions or concerns. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and your families- keep smiling where you can, enjoy the time together as families and please do your best to enjoy what will be a unique Easter holiday period!

Once again, many thanks for all that you do.

Gary Kelly  
Chief Executive  
**Wade Deacon Trust**