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Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Chris Huscroft
Chief Executive Officer

Firstly, can I thank you all for the support that you have already given to your schools and their community. This support will very much be needed as we move through the next few days.

This is most certainly unprecedented times for us all and most especially for school leaders who are by no means experts in this field. We now begin to navigate our way through these times!

By way of reassurance, all schools are taking necessary precautions to do the best they possibly can, with the resources that they have available to them. As CEO I have requested the following happens with immediate effect:

- School assemblies are cancelled for the foreseeable future;
- Any activities which are planned to involve parents/carers in school are to be postponed.

Furthermore, myself and your school's head teacher or head of school, today had an in-conference meeting where we discussed a number of issues surrounding our day to day life in school and how this will *'play out'* over the next few days. We were absolutely clear in our discussions that we have to take things on a day by day basis and we will assess each situation on its own individual merit. To that end, you will very shortly, receive further information directly from your school on the back of this letter. This will detail specifically how your school will deliver on certain aspects of the current situation. Please expect that the school will share with you specific details of any planned activities that will be affected by the decisions made, which I now set out below:

- All non-essential meetings and visit in and out of school will be postponed;
- Any activity that is part of everyday school life will continue. Should parents want to 'opt-out' their child of any activity, their school will be happy to support this decision;
- From this point forward your school will communicate with you via their website (with links to the Trust's site) and their texting service.

It is important to note that the information being shared with us is the same as the information you can access via the .GOV website. We are not privy to any additional or further information. It is also important to me and your school's leaders that you support their decisions. It is inevitable that you will have an opinion about decisions we make, please be respectful towards your school and their leaders.

As has already been mentioned, we are all navigating a very untrodden path here and are making decisions based on *scientific and medical expertise* which we receive from the government and Public Health England. We therefore believe this is in the best interest of everyone involved with the school and its community.

As always, we thank you for your support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

Chris Huscroft

CEO

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Huscroft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.