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Dear friends and families of Swanland Education Trust schools

Mr Chris Huscroft
Chief Executive Officer

As 2020 draws to a close I am sure, like me, you will be looking forward to a brighter and happier 2021; it really has been a year most of us will want to see put behind us.

At this point in time, we often take a moment to reflect on the things that have happened during the year. For many of us it will be about those times throughout the year that were special to us – this year hasn't given us quite as many of those moments as we could have hoped for. Instead, we are more than likely thinking about how we have managed the challenges of the previous months. I feel sure that there will be a sense of pride as you reflect on this.

I know that when I look back on the time I have spent working with my colleagues over the past few months, pride is most certainly the overarching feeling I get. They have all been incredible at supporting you, your children and each other to make sure that all children across our trust get the very best possible from what we can offer.

As families, I also want to thank you too. We recognise how unbelievably challenging some of you have found the past year. For some you have been directly impacted by the virus, for most you will certainly know someone who has; furthermore, the indirect impact has also been felt by a lot of our families as well. Please know that whilst our main focus has to be on educating your child, we also recognise that if we can help support families we will and thus, educating your child will be that bit easier.

We are really looking forward to continuing our work with you and your children into the new calendar year and want to build on those strong partnerships and relationships that we have established over the past month.

Amongst all of the chaos of the year, we realise that having been made to work differently has shown us the real strength and resilience we all have. Not only that, it has shown us things we might not previously have thought possible are now very possible. As a Trust we are interested to know how these changes have helped you and your families. As we hopefully return to more normality in 2021, there will be elements of our work that we won't want to return to, rather things we will want to retain and incorporate into our everyday lives in school. To that end, early in the new year, we will be asking you to give us some feedback on those things that you think have improved as a result of us having to work differently.

So, a final thank you, to each and every one of you, for all your support and efforts this year; it is greatly appreciated. Most importantly now, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that the Christmas period will provide you with a much-needed break and rest.

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

Yours sincerely



Chris Huscroft

CEO