



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Trust Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Trust Board we wish to write to you all to acknowledge and praise the dedication you have shown when supporting the home learning provision for your children. We are very proud of the community spirit that has been clearly present in all our academies during the recent difficult times. We feel it would be true to say that our schools' parents, staff and communities have never worked more closely and that together we have found innovative solutions to the challenges we have faced.

We truly appreciate all the extraordinary efforts of all our staff: planning, revisiting, rearranging and reacting effectively in short turnaround time frames to changing advice and expectations on opening, wider reopening and now full reopening from September.

We also wish to show our appreciation for the efforts of all parents, carers and extended family members who have contributed so much to supporting our home learning programmes. We would like to say a huge and heart-felt 'thank you and congratulations' for your commitment to managing pupil's home learning – we appreciate that this cannot have been easy. This has been a very strange time for all of us; we have all had to adapt to new ways of working. We recognise how hard home-schooling can be, especially juggling home life, work, challenges over illness, shielding and periods of self-isolation. Without your efforts to support and encourage the children and to communicate with school, our home schooling offers would not have been as effective as they have been.

As we plan for the September reopening and the full re-engagement of all our children, we look forward to welcoming everyone back and taking opportunities to further strengthen our ways of working together.

We wish you all a safe summer break and thank you once again for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Amanda Bennett and Carlton Midgley

CEO

Chair of the Trust Board