

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well during this time. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a huge effect on families and organisations throughout the world. Within education, the effects are there for all to see, with schools closing their doors to all students except those of key workers and other designated students. At least the weather has been kind these last few weeks.

Over the past few weeks, we have continued to focus our efforts on looking after the welfare of our students and staff and to continue to provide education for all. Protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students is paramount as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. We are making every effort to support everyone's physical and mental wellbeing as we continue to deliver services throughout this challenging period.

Whilst we know this is a time of immense uncertainty, we must all contemplate the transition back to schools as we slowly return to normality. We are doing everything we can to help prepare our students and staff for this next step. There is due to be a further update from the Government this weekend and we will act in accordance with their guidance. We will then provide a direct communication to you.

On behalf of the Venturers Trust team we hope that you take care of yourselves and your wider family. If there is anything we can do to support you during these difficult times please do contact your academy to discuss.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'W'.

David Watson OBE NLE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Venturers Trust