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To all pupils in Trust schools

I am writing this letter to you because there are a few things I think you should know as you get ready to come back to school on the 8th March.

The Trust and your teachers are incredibly proud of you

This last year has been very difficult for us all in different ways. Many of you have not been able to come to school as much as usual and have had to show incredible resilience in changing your everyday routines at very short notice. You have accepted this and been sensible. Many of you have also had to put the needs of others before your own and that is a brave thing to do. You have made many sacrifices and faced the challenges with strength and determination. There is much you've been told you've lost, including many weeks of your education, but there is much you have gained that will serve you well in the future. You may feel that this situation has been the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the last and you now know how strong and courageous you can be! Well done! I am incredibly proud of you!

We are here for you always

Your teachers and I know some of you may be a little bit worried about coming back to school after such a long time. We want you to know we are all here for you. We know you will need a chance to spend time catching up with your friends. We know you will need time and space to play and be active. We know you are desperate to get back to all the fun things school has to offer and your particular interests like sport and music. We know that you are keen to learn again alongside friends in your classroom. We will be here to make this happen for you and to encourage you, support you, challenge and help you every step of the way.

You are the future

You are the future and that future is not yet written but we know it can be bright for you. Do not let us or anyone else tell you what you can or can't be. We don't know. We cannot imagine what you will achieve but want to help you to have ambitious choices. We are so excited to see and be a part of how you develop and grow.

We can't wait to welcome you back to school to take the next step in your special journey. See you very soon!

Best wishes,



Robert Bowater
Trust Chief Executive