



## A Message for LAAT School Communities from the CEO

Last night's briefing from the Prime Minister has left us all with many questions. I want to assure you all that the LAAT central team and the leadership team in your school will be working over the coming days and weeks to find a safe way forward. This work has begun even as we await the promised government guidance.

However, at the present time, the critical worker list has not changed and therefore no child care can be provided for the children of other workers who may be contemplating the need to return to work.

I know that this is a difficult time for everyone.

I am so proud of the way that our whole LAAT family have pulled together in love, care, compassion and prayer.

I am proud of our headteachers and school staff who have found ways to open schools and provide for those children unable to stay at home, who have continued to keep in touch with parents and pupils providing work and meals.

I am proud of the LAAT central team; working from temporary home offices in attics and bedrooms and dining rooms making sure that the schools have all that they need to keep going legally and safely.

I am proud of all of our parents who, despite huge difficulties, have worked with their schools to keep everyone's children safe and who have engaged as much as possible with their children's home learning.

And, of course, I am proud of our 3000 pupils. Those who have been in school and those who have worked from home. Many of you would now be embarking on SATs or GCSEs or other exams, a rite of passage to your next phase of education. We know how hard it is to be denied these when you have worked to achieve your very best. I know that you will be missing friends and school and even your teachers! End of term barbeques and balls and celebrations will not now take place and end of year rituals which you have watched happen for those in the years above you year after year will be missed. Please know that as hard as this is there will be other opportunities to celebrate. Stand proud knowing that your sacrifice in this lock down will have contributed to keeping people safe. You have done 'your bit' as have your parents and your schools.

So, to you all; parents, staff and pupils, as CEO of Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust – Thank you.

God bless

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