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To: Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the positive feedback you have given the academies about the way they have kept you informed and the way they have handled everything thrown at them since March 2020. I must pay tribute to them, their teams and all the staff who have continued to work in the trust's academies to provide the front line service that you expect. Your child's school is drawing up further plans and messages with thought and care. I continue to pray daily that we will all be protected as we continue to serve you all.

We don't know what is happening with primary assessments but we do know there are no examinations in the summer for West Lakes Academy students. This is why we told the children that everything they did, every piece of work and assessment in their books and online was vital if we were to provide accurate grades for them. Now I hope they will all appreciate why we told them that. It's never too late and so they must engage fully in remote learning if we are to provide them with a grade that accurately reflects what they produce.

West Lakes Trust are expected now, in addition to remote learning, to provide a basic level of care for children of critical workers and those considered vulnerable. We learned a significant amount from the last nine months so many of the systems and protocols we had then will simply start up again.

There will be a coordinated approach to providing free school meals and your school is working with the caterers to determine arrangements.

These are extraordinarily difficult times and therefore I urge you to ensure your children remain at home, working. I appreciate this is not always easy but the staff in all five academies are setting work and we expect it to be completed. Learning cannot stop.

With that in mind, our expectations of conduct and behaviour remain the same. We will take a very serious view of any identifiable misbehaviour or disruption. I say this not only from a Trust-wide point of view but also for our communities. We all have a duty to ensure that we support each other with the best behaviours and attitudes. Your school will provide more details in their school-specific communications to you all.

We are holding daily strategy meetings, early morning that cover lockdown management for all five academies. Please do continue to send me your thoughts directly at [contactus@westlakesmat.org.uk](mailto:contactus@westlakesmat.org.uk) and making it for the attention of the CEO.



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Our sponsors, Sellafield Ltd., the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the University of Central Lancashire are very keen for us to continue supporting you and so with that I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff, parents and students who have responded positively to our support. I pray you, your families and your friends will have the very best of health, safety and protection in the days to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Johnson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

**Jonathan Johnson**  
**Chief Executive**

