



## A Message from Sue Marooney, CEO DMAT and Executive Headteacher, DHS

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Dear all

I want to thank everyone for their incredible support and understanding during the past few weeks, your positive messages have been a great source of strength for the whole team. This is undoubtedly the biggest challenge any of us have faced and I am so proud of the way in which the whole community is working together.

The teams across Durrington High School and The Laurels Primary School have done a fantastic job of setting up online learning for students. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive and we are delighted that our students are still accessing superb learning opportunities and their usual routine during the closure. Both The Laurels and DHS have done an excellent job of setting up provision, again at such short notice, for the children of key workers and those that are vulnerable. The willingness of staff to support this provision over Easter is admirable and, now The Laurels provision has moved to the DHS site, it is great to see DMAT working together so well.

Our SCITT trainees have been a credit to us as many of them have volunteered to support their schools' provision at such an uncertain time for them. Our Research School has also reacted brilliantly, taking some courses online and leading the way in scheduling the first ResearchED Loom conference after having to postpone the event scheduled for the end of April. To see our teams across the Trust working in such collaborative, innovative and creative ways is incredibly inspiring. Team Durrington has really surpassed expectations during this difficult period and I could not be prouder.

We must continue to work together over the coming months and, by supporting each other, seek to find the positives. It is important to keep in touch and share positive news with each other, please do engage with the weekly challenges set by your school and also know that staff across the Trust are always here to help.



Take care of yourselves and each other

Stay well and stay safe



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