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Dear Parents and Carers,

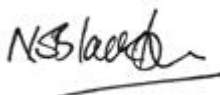
I am so delighted to be welcoming back all of our pupils to our trust schools on Monday March 8th and wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have shown us over the past 12 months.

It's been a very challenging past few months in many ways. I know you will want to join me in thanking all of our school staff. They have done a truly fantastic job and will continue to do so as we navigate our way through the loosening of the national lockdown. The next few months will see a gradual and very welcome return to more normal life. I have seen first-hand the impact that Covid has had on our children and families. We will continue to do our utmost in helping children and families.

It is your kindness, patience and working together that has made the difference during this pandemic and will continue to do so. I know that school staff have been very grateful to receive some lovely feedback from you, whether it be a simple thank you or a letter to Ofsted explaining how impressed you have been. I remain immensely proud to be the CEO of such a wonderful team of people. I am also delighted to let you know that our trust is growing. Preston Primary in Stockton will become our eighth school when they join us in April. We have worked closely with Preston Primary for over a year now and really look forward to this closer working arrangement, as well as sharing expertise in either direction.

For now, please stay safe and welcome back to all.

Regards,



Nick Blackburn
Chief Executive Officer