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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to live in the most difficult times.

I would like to thank you for the way in which you are supporting your school as they work with ever updated government guidance to meet the needs of your children; staying open for particular groups, continuing to provide meals for those who are eligible and providing learning activities for those pupils at home.

I need to also remind you that, at this time, there is no published end to the school closures and the advice remains that every child who can be safely cared for at home must be.

The central LAAT team and many of your teachers know how challenging this is, as they find themselves trying to work from home whilst meeting the needs of their children who are now at home all day. They too understand the frustration and difficulties of staying away from friends and family and of trying to keep everyone occupied.

The media has been speculating about when schools may open again but the government have been clear that this will not happen until their 5 key tests are met:

- The NHS can continue to provide critical care and specialist treatment across the UK;
- The daily death rate from coronavirus falls and this is sustained;
- Reliable data shows that the rate of infection is decreasing to manageable levels;
- There is adequate testing capacity and PPE to meet current and future demands;
- There is confidence that any changes will not risk a second peak of infections.

Your school is your first point of contact during this time and I know that all of our schools are keeping their websites up to date and are regularly communicating with you.

Please be assured that the central LAAT team are continuing to support your school in these difficult times.

Please take care and keep you and your families safe. You are all in our prayers.

God bless



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For and on behalf of Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust