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To all staff in Cambridgeshire
and Peterborough Schools

People & Communities
Education Directorate

Dear Colleague,

You need no reminder from me that we are living through unprecedented times, and that we are only starting to realise the impact this will have on our professional and personal lives. The truth is none of us know how long this period will last, but what I do know is we will get through it together.

I am writing to thank you for all that you are doing to meet the needs of the children and young people we serve. All our children and their families face challenging and uncertain times ahead, the like of which we have never known, but it has given me enormous pride to see first-hand the response you have given in the last few weeks - it has been nothing short of phenomenal.

As we move into the next phase I am confident that we will continue to work together to adapt to new ways of working, and will overcome the obstacles that we, our children and their families, may inevitably face.

These things will pass and at some point it will be back to 'business as usual'. While we work through this I thank you for the flexibility and the dedication that I know will continue to characterise your response.

With all good wishes to you and your families and communities.

Jonathan Lewis
Service Director - Education

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