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Dear Brightstowe Parents and Carers

I hope this email finds you and your children safe and well.

It is more than three months since it became clear that the coronavirus pandemic had reached the shores of Great Britain and taken hold among us.

These have been incredibly challenging times for every member of our community: students, staff, parents and carers. Many of us have lost loved ones and many of us have lost jobs. Many of us have gone hungry so that our children can eat and many of us have lain awake at night, frightened for our family's futures.

This all happened at a time when our society had already become very divided. Discussion of different opinions often turns into bitter argument. Peaceful protests sometimes become destructive.

Despite all of this, we live in a wonderful country that has so much to offer our children, if we all work together.

I want you to know that, as Principal, I am determined that every single Brightstowe student will get the best possible preparation for a happy and successful life; a life throughout which they can make a positive and responsible contribution to their community. Brightstowe staff and I will work with you to do all that we can to help your children overcome the effects of the pandemic. I will give you more information about that as soon as possible.

As we work together in the years ahead, we must be unafraid of seeing and naming the barriers to our children's happiness and success. That might be something for the individual child to fix with our help, such as concentrating better in lessons. Or it might be something for all of us to fix together, such as standing up to racism whenever we encounter it.

Whatever challenges the coming months and years hold for our community and our country, I genuinely believe that better days lie ahead if we all work together with love and integrity. One team: Team Brightstowe.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alan Dane", is located below the "Yours," text.

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